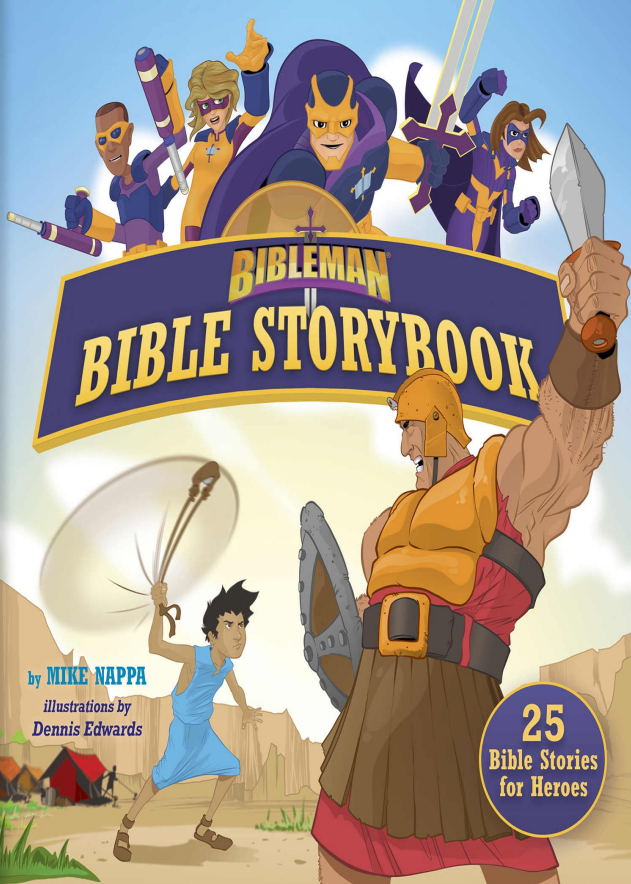




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THE ARMOR

Finally, be strengthened by the
Put on the full armor of God so t
schemes of the devil. For our str
blood, but against the rulers, ag
the cosmic powers of this darl
forces in the heavens. For this r
of God, so that you may be able
having prepared everything,
therefore, with truth like a
righteousness like armor on

R OF GOD

Lord and by his vast strength.
hat you can stand against the
uggle is not against flesh and
gainst the authorities, against
kness, against evil, spiritual
season take up the full armor
to resist in the evil day, and
to take your stand. Stand,
a belt around your waist,
your chest and your feet

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Meet the Bibletea

Bibleman

MY GOAL: To lead kids

to Jesus Christ.

ACTICS: I teach Bible

stories that relate to kids'

situations, and I defeat

Evils with Scripture.

HAVE SCRIPTURE:

1 Thessalonians 6:10-17

WEAPON OF CHOICE:



m!



Biblegirl

MY GOAL: To protect kids from the enemies of God!

TACTICS: I develop Bible lessons, and I oppose villains.

FAVE SCRIPTURE:

Philippians 4:8–9

WEAPON OF CHOICE:

Dual light-tonfas (used with

HOBBY: Music and singing
(God's Word)





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Cypher

7 GOAL: To help kids live for
Jesus Christ.

ACTICS: I use innovative media
and technology to defeat villains.

AVE SCRIPTURE:

Timothy 2:15
EAPON OF CHOICE:

Light-bow staff (used with God's Word)

BBY: Writing computer code and





Melody

MY GOAL: To help advance the Bibleteam's mission.

TACTICS: As a rookie, I assist the Bibleteam with vehicle operation and technology monitoring.

FAVE SCRIPTURE:

Colossians 3:23–25

WEAPON OF CHOICE:

Dual light-escrima (used with

HOBBY: Gymnastics
God's Word)



Bibleman!

Bibleman! Bibleman!

The Official Theme Song

Fighting for the way, he's the Bib
Bibleman! Fighting the good fight

Taking the shield of faith and the

Bibleman is on the move.

The sword of the Spirit is the Wo
Bibleman! Bibleman!

There's nothing it can't do.
Fighting the good fight,

Wearing the breastplate of righte
and the helmet of salvation.



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Lying Liars

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You won't believe *about truth*

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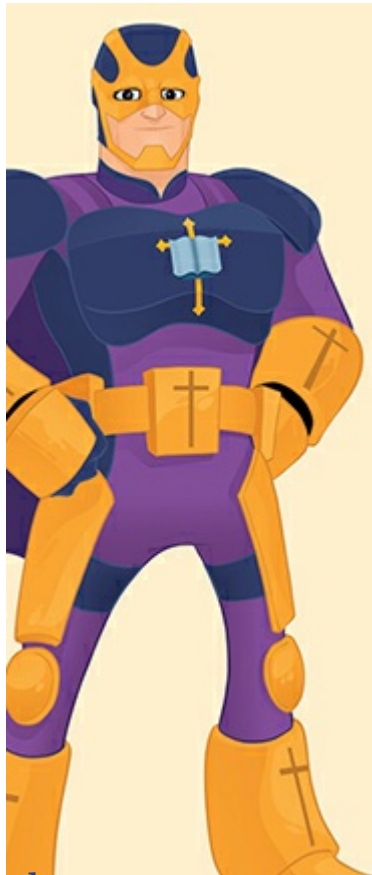
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at villain Luxor

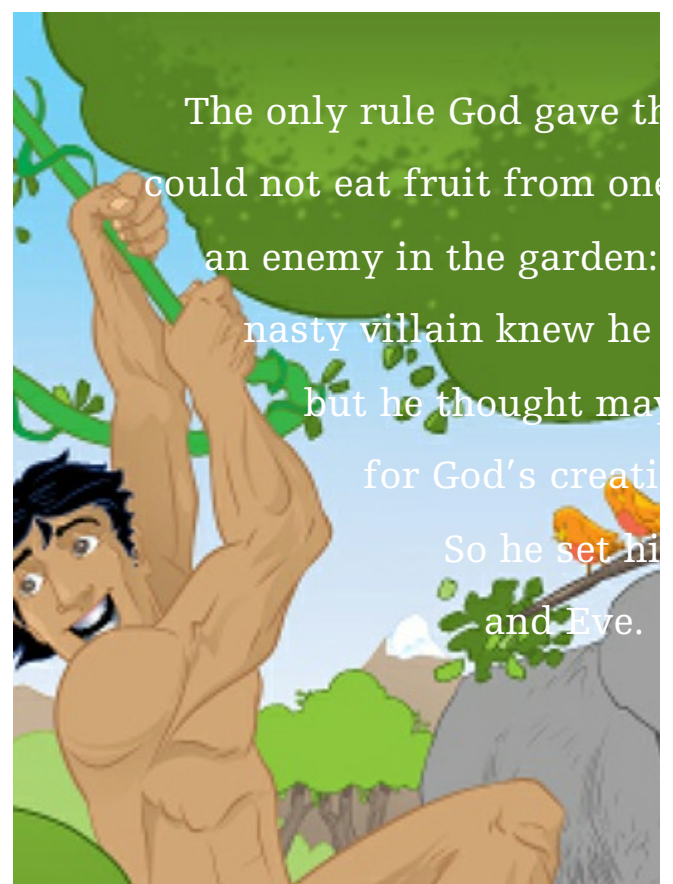




It was back at the beginning
of the world...

God had created every-
thing—animals, trees, plants,
and even the first humans.



An illustration of Adam from the Bible, depicted as a muscular man with dark hair, reaching up with both hands to grasp a green vine. He has a wide-eyed, excited expression. The background shows a lush garden with green foliage, a large green tree, and a grey rock formation. A small orange and yellow bird is perched on a branch to the right. The sky is a clear blue.

The only rule God gave them
could not eat fruit from one
an enemy in the garden:
nasty villain knew he
but he thought maybe
for God's creation
So he set his
and Eve.

them was that Adam
the special tree. But G
a sneaky serpent. T
could never defeat
ybe he could ruin th
on instead.
s sights on Adam



"S-s-so," the serpent his
can't eat from any tree in

"Well, not exactly," Eve
this one tree. We can't ev

"God's way is too s-s-s-
was lying—big-time—an
this fruit will make you
God! Go ahead, eat it!"



ssed, "did God really say, 'You
n the garden'? That's so mean."

replied. "We just have to avoid
ven touch it."

strict," the serpent said. He
d he just kept going. "Eating
happy," he said. "You'll be like



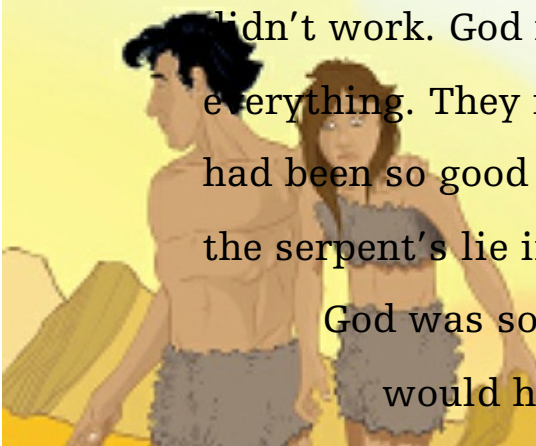




Then God came to the
“Adam!” God called out.

“Ummm,” Adam said.
serpent.

At first Adam and Eve
didn't work. God found
everything. They realized
had been so good to the
the serpent's lie instead
God was so disap
would happen

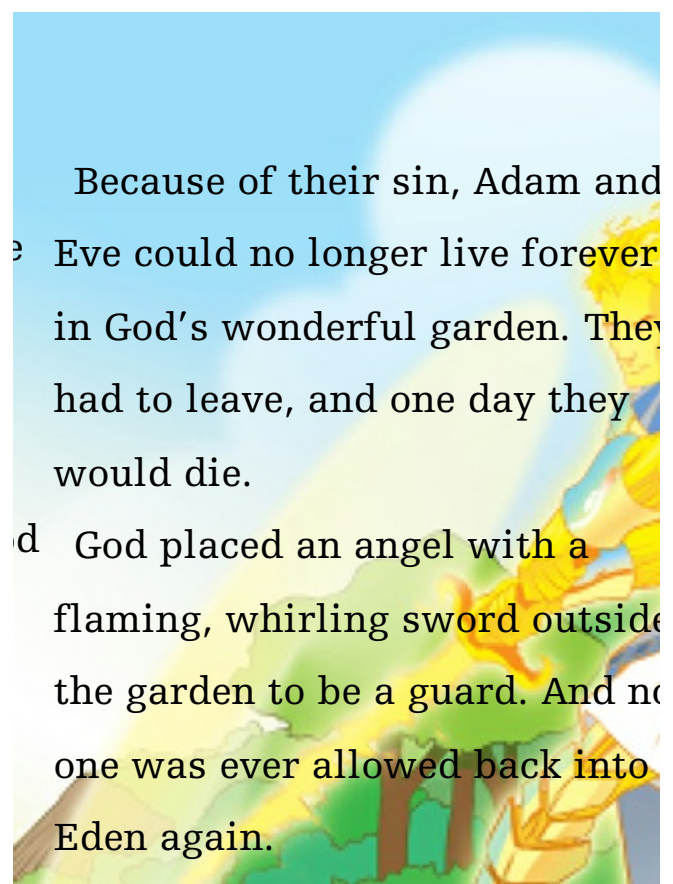


the garden for His daily visit.

“Where are you?”

“Oops,” said Eve. “Yikes!” said the

They tried to hide from God, but that
found them, and soon they confessed to
the awful thing they'd done. God
punished them! But they'd chosen to listen to
the serpent instead of sticking to God's true way.
God was disappointed because He knew what
would happen next.



Because of their sin, Adam and Eve could no longer live forever in God's wonderful garden. They had to leave, and one day they would die.

God placed an angel with a flaming, whirling sword outside the garden to be a guard. And no one was ever allowed back into Eden again.





Bibleman says,

Reading about Adam and Eve
about believing the truth.

After his whole experience,

Dillon decided not to have

more. Dillon told me, "After

believing that God's way is

be perfect, but I am going to try

true no matter what. That's what

Wouldn't it be great if someone could

So Dillon told Luxor to stop telling

always remind you to avoid the lies of

wrong and to get lost! At last, the

of temptation and live by God's truth

instead? Someone can ... you! ...

BibleTeamChap

and Eve can teach us a big lesson
truth and telling the truth.
ience with the pie, my friend
ang out with Luxor any-
lam and Eve had a hard time
always true. I know I can't
to remember that God's way is
challenge at a real hero would do!"
dy different accents, wear a cool
lling him to do what was
costume, whatever seems fun. Each
at evil villain was defeated.
tght this week, right before bed,
replay your video as part of your

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Noah, Build That Boat

An adventure about faithfulness
Hey there, hero!

Have you heard of the

Shadow of Doubt? He's a villain

who spreads doubt and confusion

about God's plans for us. Crazy, huh?

Well, last week the Shadow of Doubt showed

up at church, talking nonsense. "Does God

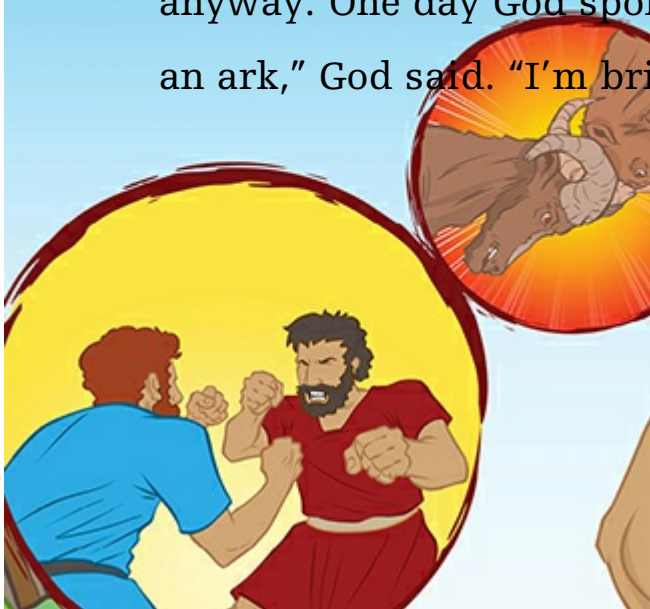


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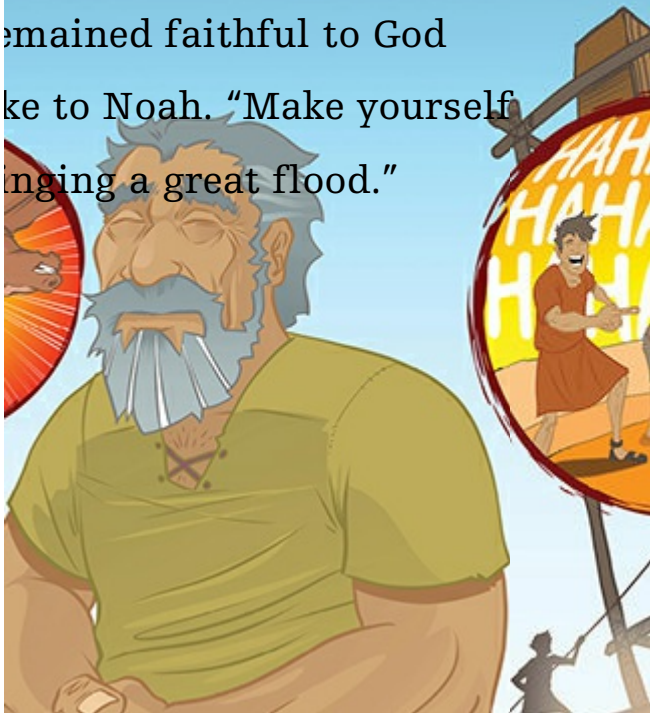
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Noah lived in a time when everyone knew what was right—but he refused to do it anyway. One day God spoke to him and said, “I’m bringing



everyone had quit doing
remained faithful to God
like to Noah. "Make yourself
ing a great flood."





Building an ark was a BIG



job. That boat was as big as

And then it was time.

God sent all kinds of animals
in the ark. They came in pairs
and giraffes, donkeys and dogs
tigers and turtles and even a

Noah was so glad he'd kept
The rain was coming, but the

And that's when God shut



als to join Noah's family
s: birds and bugs, gorillas
gs and lions and lambs and
few cats.
t working! They were ready.
ey were safe in the ark.
the door.



Pfassshh! Whoo-oosh! Cri

The ocean floor cracked o
burst out all over the planet
the earth with rain for forty
waters rose higher and hi
disappeared undernea



ish-crasshh!

pen, and flooding water

t. A mighty storm covered

y days and forty nights. The

gher until the land totally

ath it all



Finally the rain and flood
Noah and those with him came
Their boat drifted for days
then months. After 150 days
finally drew back, leaving
on Mount Ararat.



ding water stopped. Only
on the ark survived the flood.
s and days, then weeks,
ys, the floodwaters
Noah's ark to rest





When Noah and his family came to the ark,
they were glad they'd been faithful.



me out of the big bo
hful to God's plan



Cypher says,

Noah sure was faithful

on a boat with all the

loooooong time. Whev

of one wet dog . . . Any

this story to battle the

When Melody remind

ness during the Great Flood,

of Doubt! Plus all over chose

Be like Noah: build a boat! Cut off the

the Bible and praying each d
egg-shaped spaces in the bottom of Rev
his followers. Yay!

an egg carton (get a parent to help tap

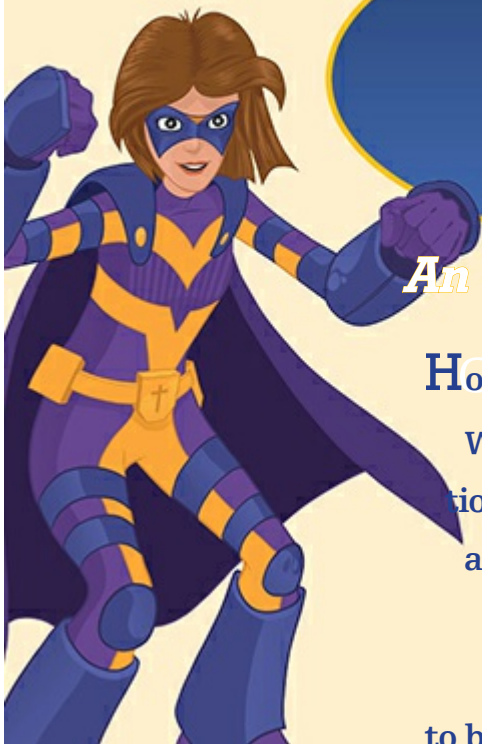
to make the boat's body. Next, poke pin

BibleTeamCh

ull, even when he was stuck
ose smelly animals for a
v! I don't even like the smell
way, I see why Melody used
e Shadow of Doubt.

ed everyone of Noah's faithful-
, it broke the curse of the Shadow
challenge
to be faithful again about reading
et a piece of paper for a sail. Write
lay—just as God planned for
evelation 2:19 on the sail, and use
ape to attach the sail to the tooth-
ick-mast. Now fill up the sink and





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Howdy, hero!

What would
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her friends
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abe for Abe

ture about patience

12–13, 15, 21:1–

l you do in this situa-
ve had just moved to
ol, far away from all
s. Her mom told her
nt and wait for God
riends into her life, but

A long, long time ago, Abraham
Ur. One day God told Abe
to a land called Canaan. C
Abraham's family would
become a great nation!



m lived in a place called
to take his family and move
God promised that in Canaan,
grow and his children would



Well, Abraham thought that
packed up his wife, Sarah, the
everything!—and off they went
that Abraham's wife couldn't
was God supposed to keep

Abraham got to his ne
he waited. Nothing happ
nothing. Years passed .



sounded pretty cool, so he
his servants, their animals—
t. The only problem was
have even one child. How
His promise? Hmm.
new home in Canaan, and
opened. Sarah waited. Still



Next thing you know, Ab
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Sarah did too, But God wa
and now she
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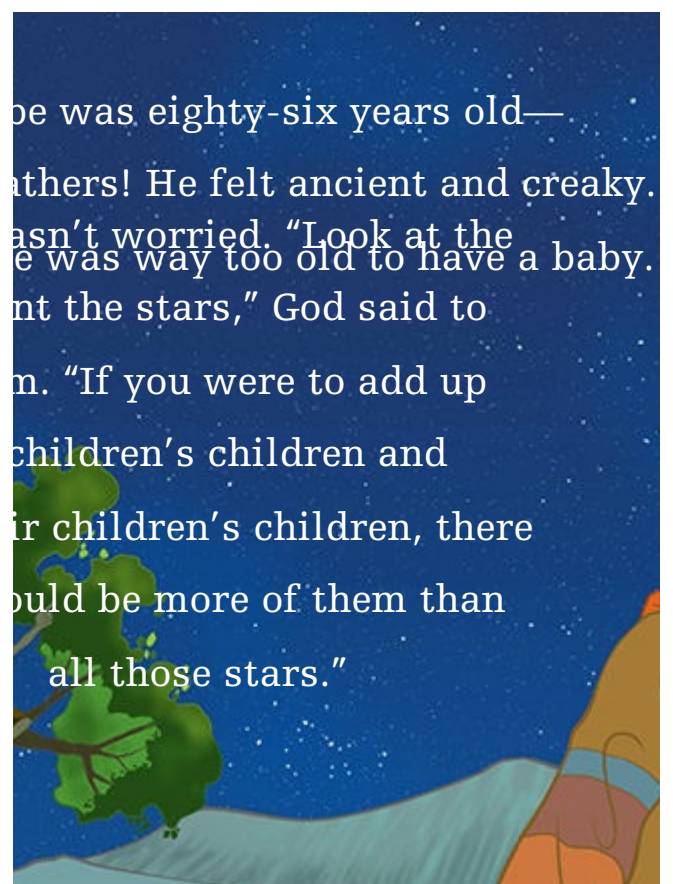
Abraham

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He was eighty-six years old—
fathers! He felt ancient and creaky.
He wasn't worried. "Look at the
stars," God said to
him. "If you were to add up
children's children and
their children's children, there
would be more of them than
all those stars."

"One, two, three . . . ,” Abraham
hundred eighty-eight . . . seven thousand
Whew!” There were way too many.

Having ~~THAT~~ God’s promise, and he
impossible to Abraham. He was
he learned that real
good things—especially
come from God.



counted to himself
thousand and ninety
y stars to count!
even tried to get w
d grandchildren see
way, but in the end
tempted to give up
heroes must wait fo
cially when they





Another year passed. Then

But Abraham trusted God a



five more. Then ten. Then fourteen
nd, you guessed it, kept waiting.

Isaac became the first of many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including Jesus. Counting from Abraham's children might already be as many as the stars in the sky! God's promise was worth waiting for.



any, many children and
dchildren for Abraham—
n that time to today,
eady number more than
mises are always





Biblegirl says,

When my friend Gene
about having to move
about Abraham helped
heroes are willing to v

ignored the Whiner Bro

for God **BibleteamCh**ing new friends

Think you could do good at waiting for

a promise? Ask a parent to help you

set a timer for one minute. Try your

best to sit quietly as you wait for the

timer to buzz.

How'd you do?

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viewe wanted to complain
away from her friends, reading
d her learn that real
wait for good things. She
others and waited patiently
challenge her life.

Next set the timer for three min-
utes. Then for five minutes. Was that
easier or harder? Why?

Finish your “waiting test” with a
prayer: “Jesus, please help me wait
patiently for the Lord. Amen!”

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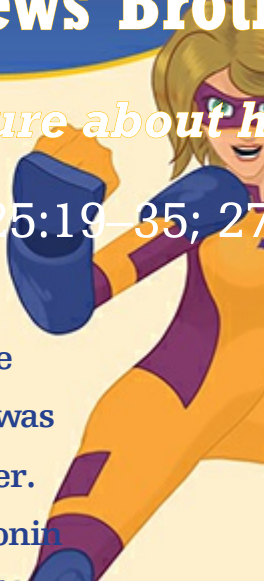
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Bad News Brother

An adventure about how

Hi-ya, hero! Genesis 25:19–35; 27

Do you ever get mad at
your brother or sister? One
time my friend Alexander was
playing a game with his sister.
He got so angry that the Ronin





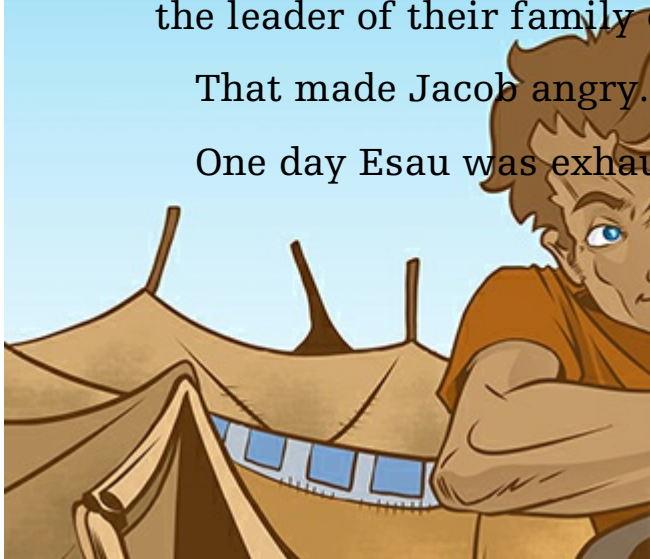
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7:1–45

Jacob and Esau were twin brothers.
Rebekah.

Esau was born first, so he was
the leader of their family.
That made Jacob angry.
One day Esau was exhausted.



thers, sons of Isaac and

it was his birthright to become
one day.

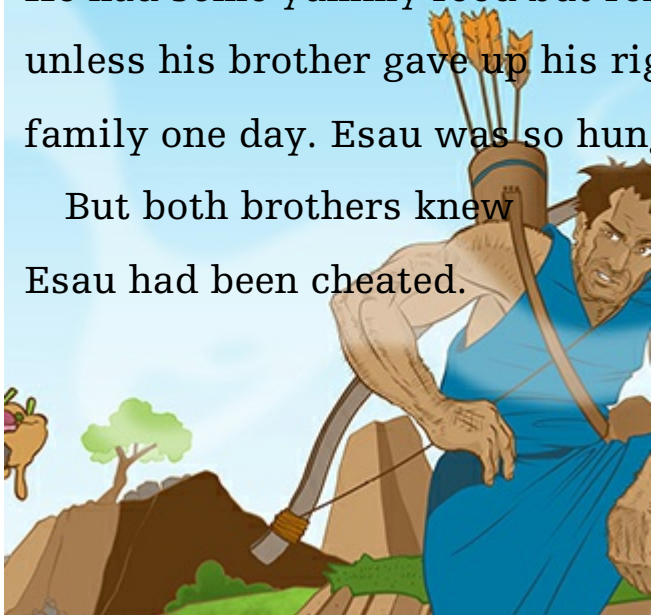
asted and weak from hunting.



He needed food—fast!

Jacob saw a chance to steal his
He had some yummy food but refused
unless his brother gave up his right to
family one day. Esau was so hungry,

But both brothers knew
Esau had been cheated.

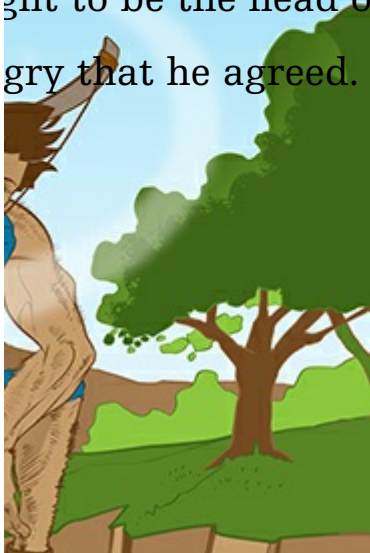


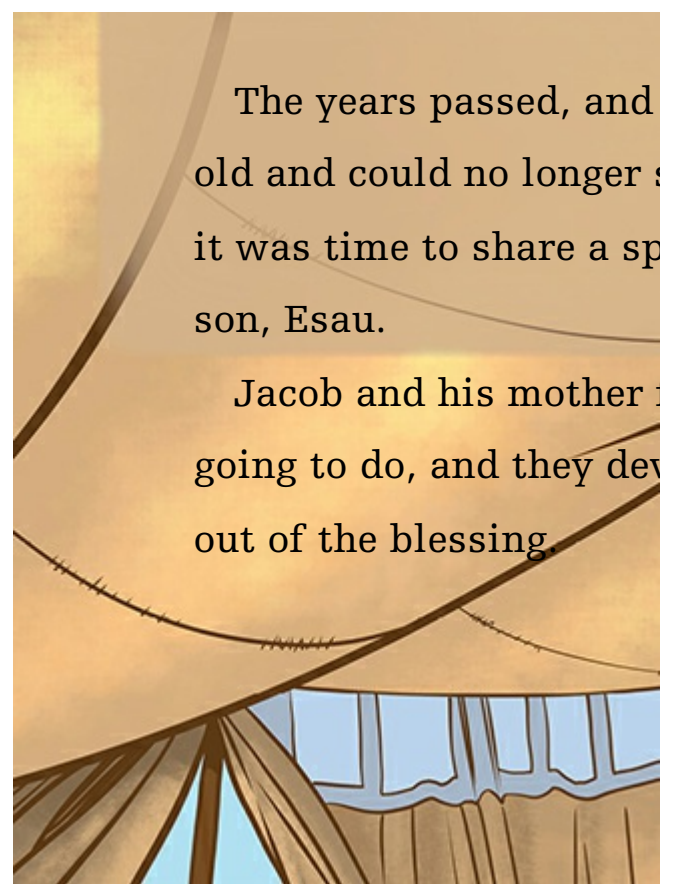
s brother's birthright.

refused to share with Esau

ought to be the head of the

gry that he agreed.



The background of the page is a warm, golden-orange color. It features stylized, curved lines that suggest the structure of a tent or a large, open space. In the lower portion, there are brown, angular shapes representing the tent's framework and a blue, ruffled fabric element, possibly a curtain or part of the tent's interior lining. The overall atmosphere is soft and nostalgic.

The years passed, and
old and could no longer s
it was time to share a sp
son, Esau.

Jacob and his mother
going to do, and they dev
out of the blessing.

their father, Isaac, was now very
see anything. One day he decided
pecial blessing with his firstborn
found out about what Isaac was
vised a secret plan to cheat Esau



Jacob dressed in Esau's clothes
hands and neck so he'd smell an
a hairy guy). Then Jacob took so
to Isaac and lied to his father, sa
firstborn. Give me your blessing
Blind Isaac was fooled! He gave



s and even put fur on his
d feel like Esau (who was
me of his mother's cooking
aying, "I am Esau, your
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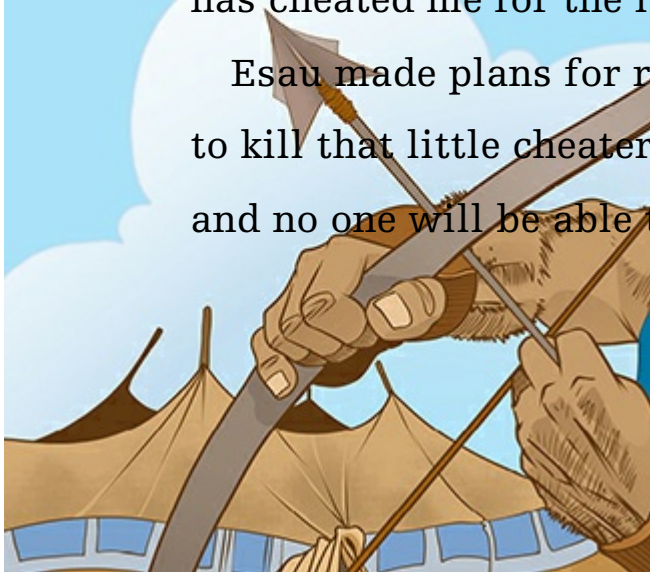
e Esau's blessing to Jacob.



When Esau found out
what Jacob had done, he was furious.

"Where's Jacob?" he roared.
"He has cheated me for the last time!"

Esau made plans for revenge
to kill that little cheater
and no one will be able to stop him.



what his brother

s!

pared. "My brother

ast time."

evenge. I'm going

· Jacob, he decided,

to stop me.



Well, Jacob knew he'd gone too late. Esau was now his enemy. Jacob ran, ran, ran away.

After that, Jacob spent most of his life hiding from his brother who wanted to kill him! It was so bad that the two never saw each other again.



o far, but it was too
What could he do? Jacob
f his life thinking his
was many years before
ain.





Melody says,

Thankfully, Esau forgave Jacob
was a long time before

The good news is that Esau
learned Jacob's lesson

apologized to his sister,

square, and he became a

BibleTeamChampion

Wrong again. Think about your favorite game. The

it? Now, can you name three rules of

that game? What happens when players

ers refuse to play by those rules? Is it

the game more fun or less fun? Why?

ave Jacob in the end, but it
e that happened.

at my friend Alexander
i: real heroes don't cheat. He
, played the game fair and

Challenge listen to the Ronin of
te next time you're tempted to

ofat someone, remember your
yrite game and how God wants
u to always treat others the way
y? would like to be treated.

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Joseph: Down, Out,

An adventure about godly

Genesis 37, 39–41

ello, hero!

What would you do

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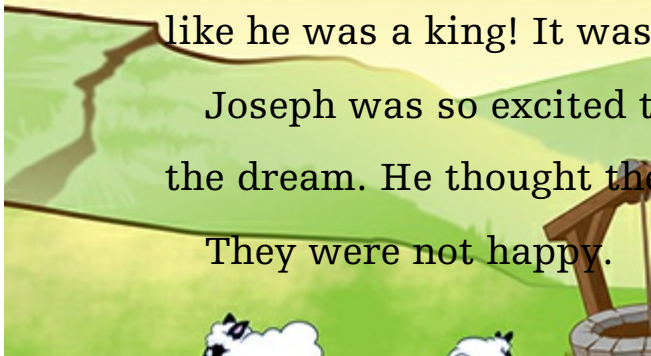
and Up

character

Joseph was one of Jacob's sons, his favorite brother and ten older brothers. He was his father's favorite. That made him the one they were often mean to him.

One day God gave Joseph a dream. In it, his family's grain was bowing down to him like he was a king! It was a great dream.

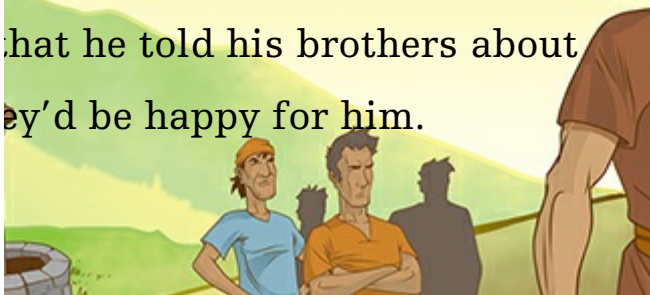
Joseph was so excited to tell his family about the dream. He thought they would be happy. But they were not happy.



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de his older brothers angry, and
him.

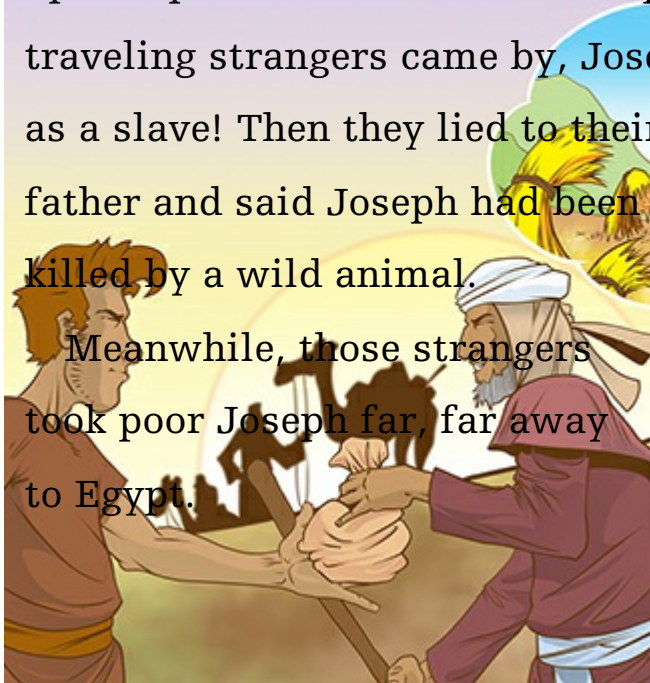
h a dream about bundles of
grain bowed down to his grain,
awesome.

that he told his brothers about
ey'd be happy for him.



In fact, they were so mad about
up Joseph and threw him into a p
traveling strangers came by, Jose
as a slave! Then they lied to their
father and said Joseph had been
killed by a wild animal.

Meanwhile, those strangers
took poor Joseph far, far away
to Egypt.



at it, one day they tied
pit. And when a band of
eph's brothers sold him





Joseph

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he was a

Still, he

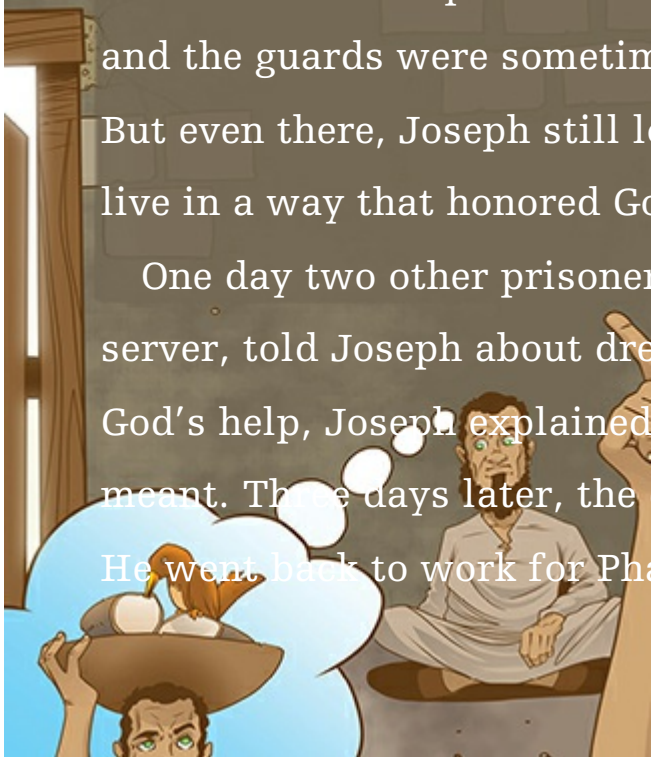
live for



h was scared and sad.
done nothing wrong, but
a slave in Egypt anyway!
knew that real heroes
God in both good times

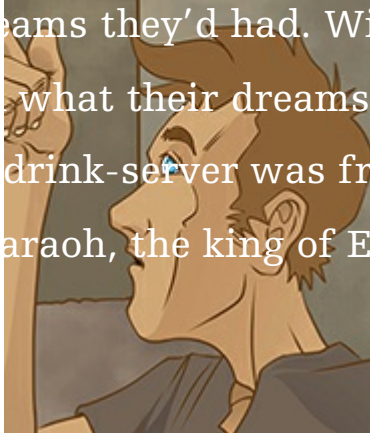
It was awful in prison. The
and the guards were sometime
But even there, Joseph still lo
live in a way that honored Go

One day two other prisoner
server, told Joseph about dre
God's help, Joseph explained
meant. Three days later, the
He went back to work for Pha



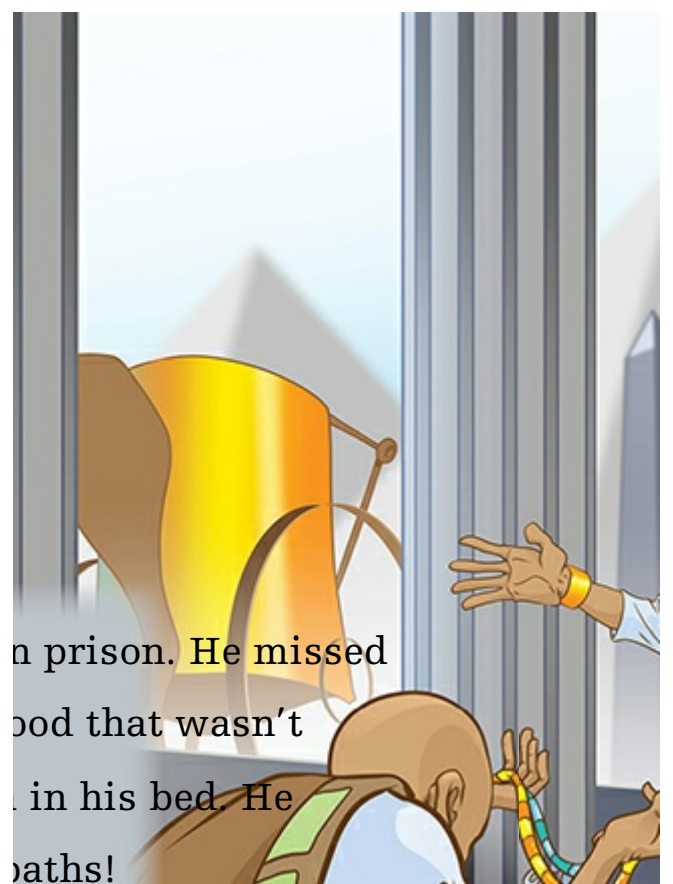
the cell was cold and
mean.

loved God and tried
good and helped other
ers, a baker and a dr
eams they'd had. Wi
what their dreams
drink-server was fr
araoh, the king of E





Joseph, though, was stuck in his father. He missed eating for stinky. He missed being warm probably even missed taking h



n prison. He missed
ood that wasn't
in his bed. He
baths!

With God's help, Joseph
dream to Pharaoh, who w
made Joseph his right-l
who was second only t

Years later, Joseph
and they all bowed d
like Joseph had dre
had never forgott
definitely not f
Joseph.



h explained the stra
as impressed! Phar
hand man, a ruler in
to Pharaoh himself!
's family came to E
down to their broth
eamed. Amazing! Jo
ten God, and God ha
forgotten





Bibleman says,

Joseph was a real hero

Are you curious about

how he became a rich and powerful man?

He was living for God in both good and bad times.

He kept praying, trying to do the right thing.

He was relying on God's help. **BibleTeamCh**

What if Joseph was a superhero? You can do the same.

What kind of costume would he wear?

Take some markers and paper and

design a superhero logo for Joseph.

Then ask a parent to help you use screen

to draw your logo onto it.

0.

out what he did after he
verful ruler? Well, he kept
good times and bad. He
do what was right, and
side him. And guess

challenge

o your tee, and then wear it under
overshirt for fun. Whenever you
ear open your overshirt to reveal
our superhero T-shirt, shout out the
cripture and tell people you learned
from the heroic story of Joseph!

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Moses: Let My

An adventure about

Exodus 3

Hi-ya, hero

Were you ar

Duchess of Greed st

It was crazy. She got

to wear bracelets th

wanted kids to ask t





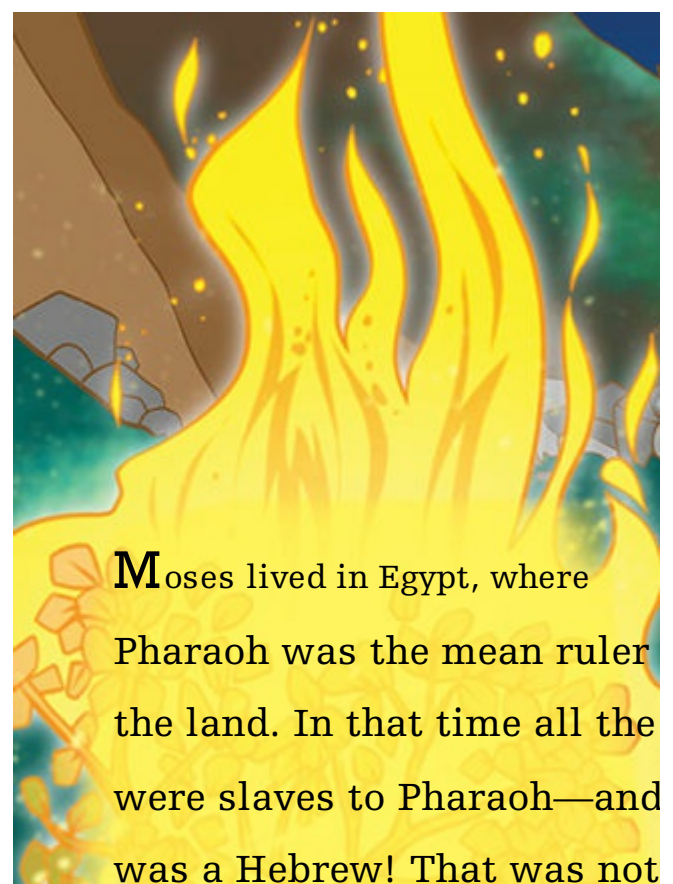
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at God's will

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ound when the Grand
arted making jewelry?
t a whole bunch of kids
at said, "WIIFM?" She
themselves, "What's In



Moses lived in Egypt, where
Pharaoh was the mean ruler
the land. In that time all the
were slaves to Pharaoh—and
was a Hebrew! That was not

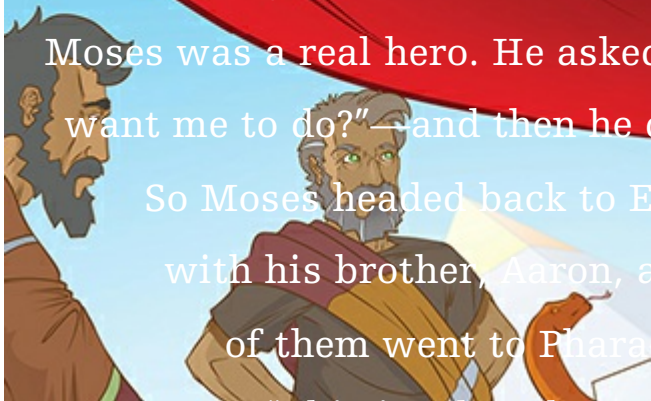


of all
Hebrews
Moses
good.

God wanted Moses to do some-
thing. So God spoke to Moses from within a bush and
said, "I am sending you to Pharaoh
to tell him to let my people, out of Egypt."

Moses was scared to do that.
Pharaoh might kill him if he we-
n't. But Moses was a real hero. He asked
Pharaoh, "What do you want me to do?"—and then he did it.

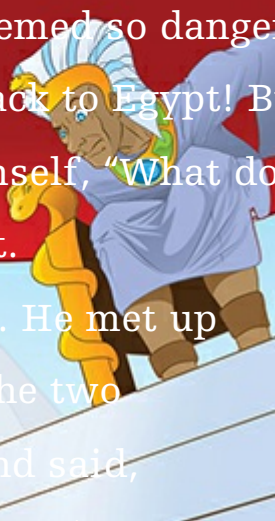
So Moses headed back to Egypt
with his brother, Aaron, and
a group of them went to Pharaoh



something about that, so
burning bush. "Go," O
Moses to lead the Hebrews

It seemed so dangerous
to go back to Egypt! But
Moses said to himself, "What do
I have to lose? I have
nothing to lose but my life."
He did it.

He went back to Egypt. He met up
with his brother Aaron and the two
of them went to Pharaoh and said,



“Why should I do anything

“What’s in it for me? You’re

Then he punished the slaves

God didn’t like that. Not a

1. Blood in the Egyptians’ drink
To convince Pharaoh to se

2. Millions of frogs, getting
plagues, each one worse than

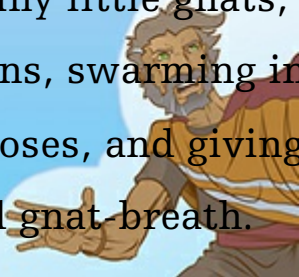
Pharaoh’s underwear draw

3. A zillion tiny little gnats,

the Egyptians, swarming in

ears and noses, and giving

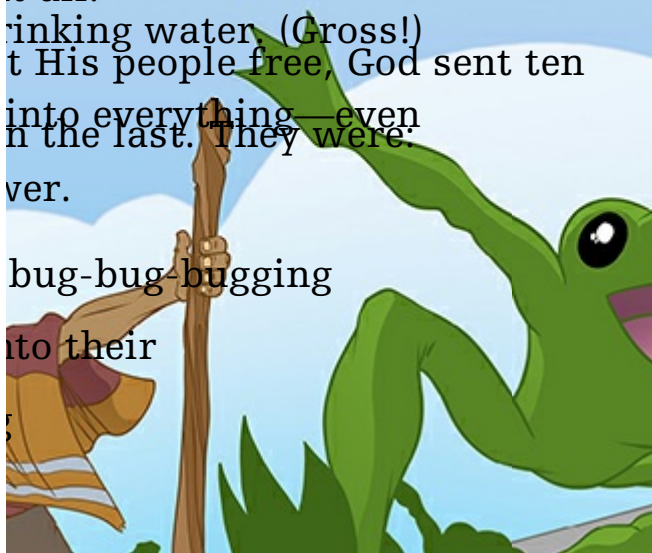
people bad gnat-breath.



g for the Lord?" Pharaoh said.
all just slackers! Get back to work
and made them work harder.

t all.
inking water. (Gross!)
t His people free, God sent ten
into everything—even
n the last. They were:
ver.

bug-bug-bugging
to their



5. Sick cows and donkeys and ca
z!" and stinking up all of Egypt.

6. Painful skin sores.

7. A crashing, smashing hail stor

8. A locust attack that ate up all

9. Three full days of darkness—r

10. And finally, worst of all, God
into Egypt. It was awful.



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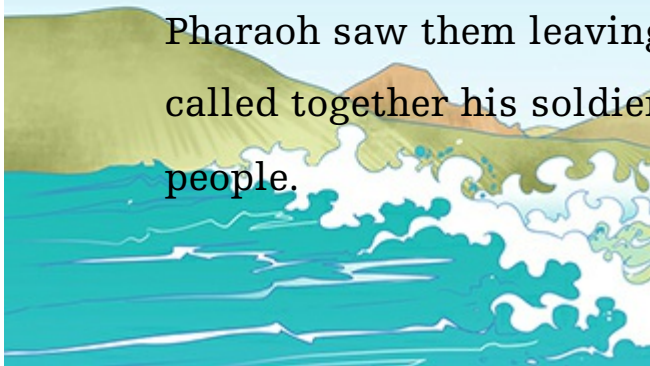
the plants and food.

nighttime all the time!

I sent the angel of death



After the last plague, Pharaoh
He was exhausted from trying to kill the
“Get out,” he said to Moses and the
Hebrews. Go worship the gods of Egypt.
Pharaoh set God’s people on the sea.
The Hebrews all headed for the sea.
Pharaoh saw them leaving and
called together his soldiers to chase after
people.



Pharaoh had finally had enough.

Trying to fight with God.

Moses and Aaron, "you and the

Lord."

Be free! Sort of.

Went away from Egypt, but when

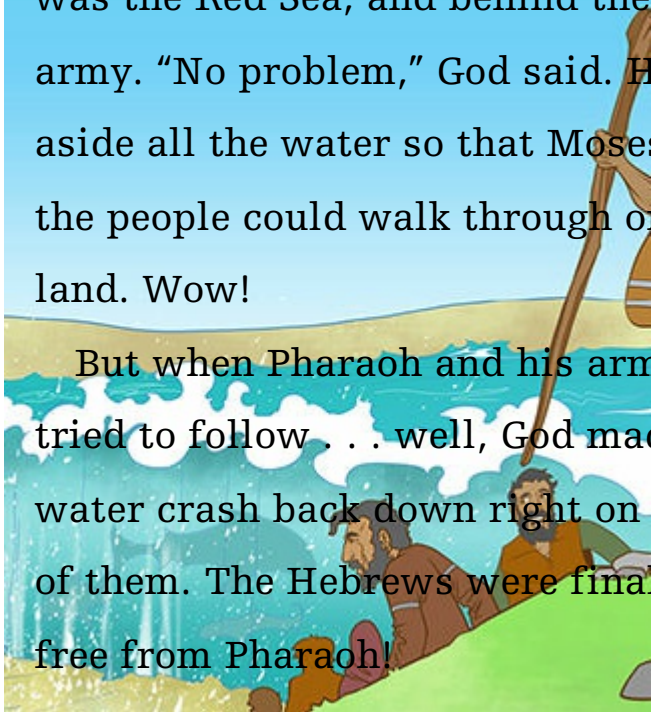
Pharaoh, he changed his mind. He

Chased, and they chased after God's



Moses and his people were trapped in the Red Sea, and behind them was Pharaoh's army. "No problem," God said. He parted the water so that Moses and the people could walk through on dry land. Wow!

But when Pharaoh and his army tried to follow . . . well, God made the water crash back down right on top of them. The Hebrews were finally free from Pharaoh!



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Melody says,

When we remember the

wanted, it reminds us

Pharaoh only thought

thought about God first

Moses freed his people

real hero!

After we reminded everyone (

in the Bible, the Grand Duchess

Make "Green Means Follow God!" duff

overnight! Kids started asking, '

bracelets for your family. First, get and

do?"—and then they chucked the

parent or older sibling to help. Next, the

into the trash where they belong

cut a cardboard paper-towel tube into

four equal pieces—these will be your s

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What Moses did what God
to also make good choices.
about himself, but Moses
st. By following God's will,
from slavery. Talk about a

of what happened with Moses
Challenge
of God went out of business
lengthwise, to form a cuff. (2) Tape one
"What does God want me to
end of a roll of green yarn to the cuff,
those silly "WIFM?" bracelets
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Joshua's Long Walk

An adventure about

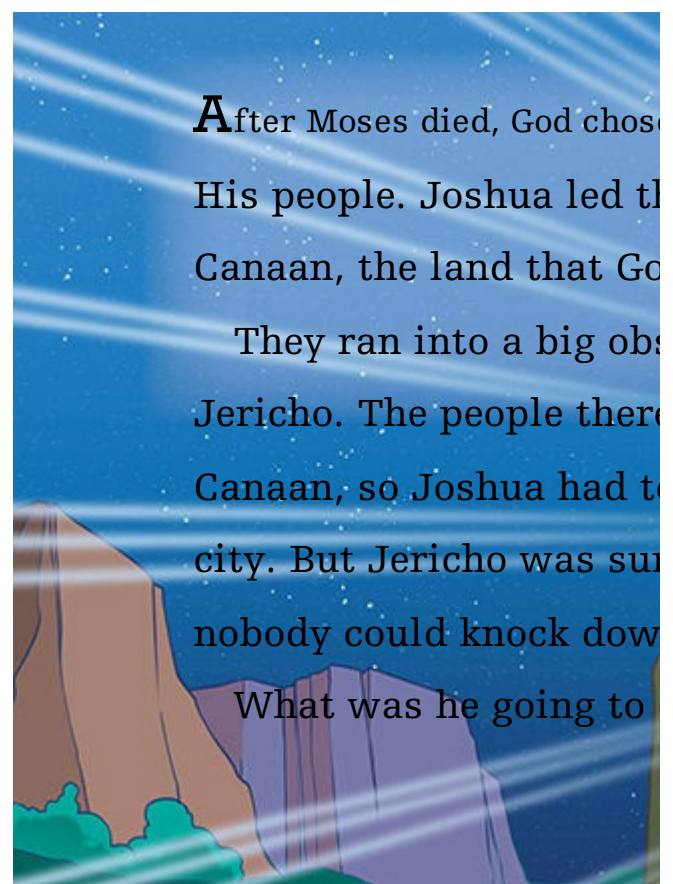
facing obstacles

Ever feel like something is just too hard, that you can't ever win? I have.

When I was younger I was diagnosed with ADHD—Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. That meant I







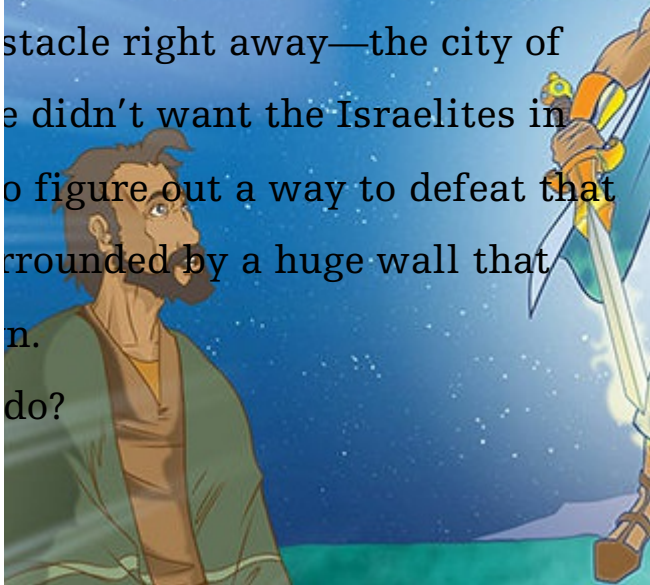
After Moses died, God chose
His people. Joshua led the
Canaan, the land that God

They ran into a big obstacle
Jericho. The people there
Canaan, so Joshua had to
city. But Jericho was such
nobody could knock down

What was he going to

Joshua to take charge of
the Israelites (the Hebrews) into
the land God had promised them.

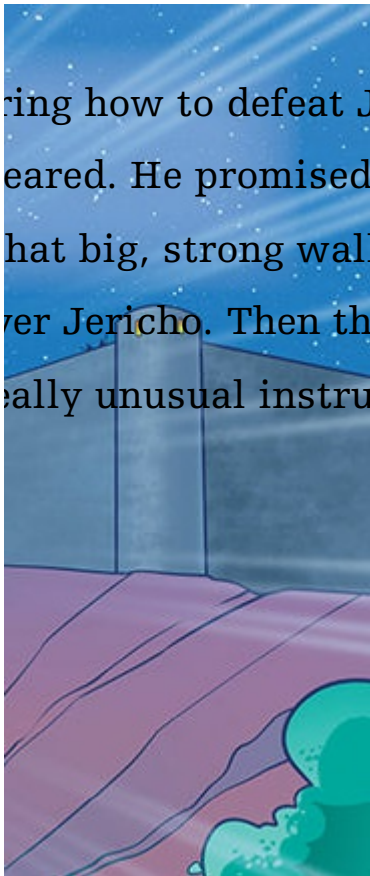
His first obstacle right away—the city of
Jericho—didn't want the Israelites in.
Joshua had to figure out a way to defeat that
city, which was surrounded by a huge wall that
seemed impossible to breach.
What should he do?



As Joshua was wondering
an angel of the Lord appeared
God would take care of the
the Israelites victory over
gave Joshua some revelation
from God:



ring how to defeat Jericho,
eared. He promised that
hat big, strong wall and give
ver Jericho. Then the angel
eally unusual instructions



“March around the city
days,” the angel said. “On
around Jericho seven times
blow their trumpets loudly
to shout!”



once a day, for six straight
the seventh day, march
es. Then have the priests
ly, and tell all your soldiers



Joshua looked at the wall of Jericho. God wanted His army to walk around it and shout? How was that supposed to work? Jericho? Hmm.

Then Joshua remembered that the Lord said, "No obstacle was ever going to be in your way." So Joshua did just what the Lord said.



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God can do ANYTHING.
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ne angel instructed . . .



And the walls of
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Jericho

umbling

down!









Cypher says,

Hearing about what God
made a difference in my attitude.
The Shadow of Doubt was
over me I couldn't succeed.
But now I really
can do anything!

With God's help, I learned
what worked best for me. I learned that
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And now I'm part of the Bibleteam!
Draw a picture of Cypher, and have
your family really can do anything!
one of your parents write today's Bible
Spotlight Verse at the bottom of your
drawing. Tape it near your front door.

God did for Joshua really made
titude! I realized that the
s wrong when he tried to tell
, Real heroes know that God

ned how to study in ways that
Challenge and I did better in school.

am! How awesome is that? God
Every time you and your family

take or enter your house this week,

give Cypher a high five and recite

about Matthew 19:26.

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[owdy, hero! *an adventure about wisdom*

Have you ever had to stand up to a bully? It's scary, isn't it? But

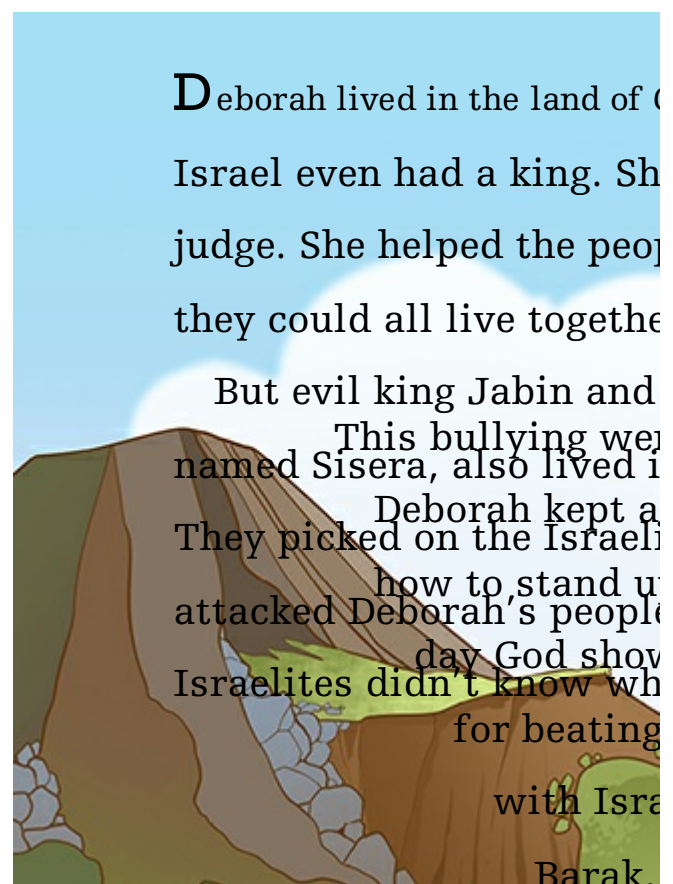
When the Master of Mean sent a bully to pick on my friend Gabriella's little brother,





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Deborah lived in the land of Canaan. At that time Israel even had a king. She was a prophet and a judge. She helped the people of Israel so that they could all live together in peace.

But evil king Jabin and his army, led by a man named Sisera, also lived in Canaan.

Deborah kept a secret meeting place for the Israelites. They picked on the Israelites and oppressed them. One day, Deborah told Barak, a leader of the Israelites, how to stand up to the Canaanites. They attacked Deborah's people. One day God showed the Israelites that they were stronger than the Canaanites. They didn't know what to do for beating the Canaanites.

with Israel.

Barak.

Canaan, way back before

there was a wise woman and a

people of Israel settle arguments so

er in peace.

the commander of his army,

ant on for twenty long years!

in Canaan. They were big bullies!

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those bullies! She met

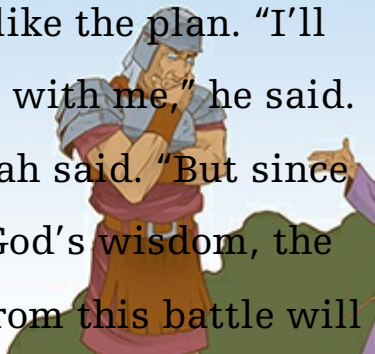
ael's greatest warrior,

and explained it to him

"Take ten thousand men and go to Mount Tabor," she said. "Sisera's army will come out to fight you. The Lord will lure them into the river and—Bam! They'll get stuck, and you will easily defeat them."

Barak didn't like the plan. "I'll only go if you go with me," he said.

"Fine," Deborah said. "But since you don't trust God's wisdom, the greatest honor from this battle will





They all went to Mount Tabor
which would work, but Deborah knew
for wisdom about what to do.
Her army followed God's plan.
The battle went just as she said.
It was a total victory.



Tabor. Barak still wasn't sure it
knew that real heroes ask God
do. She made sure the Israelite
n, and . . . Bam!
st as God had said it would!
victory!



Except Sisera got aw
God had a plan for tha



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t too.



Sisera ran like a scared
until he came to the tent
lived. She recognized the
she couldn't let him get a
Jabin would just build a
bully the Israelites all ov



and rabbit away from the battle
where a woman named Jael
the evil commander and knew
away. If he did, then Sisera and
new army and come back to
ever again.



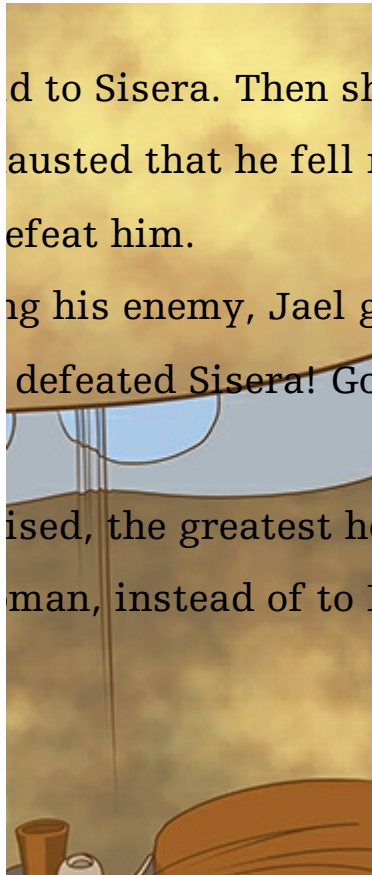
"Come hide in my tent," Jael said.

The evil commander was so exhausted from sleep, making it easy for Jael to do her job.

When Barak arrived, still chasing the enemy, Jael met him and told him she had already helped them win!

And just like Deborah had promised, the victory from the battle went to Jael, a woman of great courage and faith.





d to Sisera. Then she waited.
austed that he fell right to
efeat him.

ng his enemy, Jael greeted
defeated Sisera! God had

ised, the greatest honor
man, instead of to Barak, the



Biblegirl says,

When my friend Gab
in the Bible, it remind
God for wisdom about

She prayed about ho

bully. Like Deborah, she

know what to do. God help

wise advice for us to treat other

treated. Gabri

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defeated the bully's unkindness.

Get your markers and colored pencils

even became friends in the end.

and draw a cartoon page that tells yo

And the Master of Mean? Well,

the story of Deborah. See if you can't

little bunny.

use that page to share her story with

riella read about Deborah
ed her that real heroes ask
what to do.

w to handle her brother's
e asked God for wisdom to
ped her remember Jesus'
s the way we'd like to be

challenge take advice and actually
with her kindness! They
Afterward, hang your cartoon page

Pretty cool!
your room so you'll always remem-
he ran away like a scared
r that real heroes ask God for wis-

h about what to do.





Go,

An adventure

Hello, hero!

Dr. Fear is a big, scary character who tried to scare people away from staying home from school.

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Go Gideon

are about facing fear

Judges 6–7

g jerk. Just yesterday
my friend Rose into
m church camp by

Gideon lived a long time ago
in the land of Midian. It was a rough time
because the people from Midian were
dividing the Israelites into
groups of soldiers into Is-
rael because they were selfish

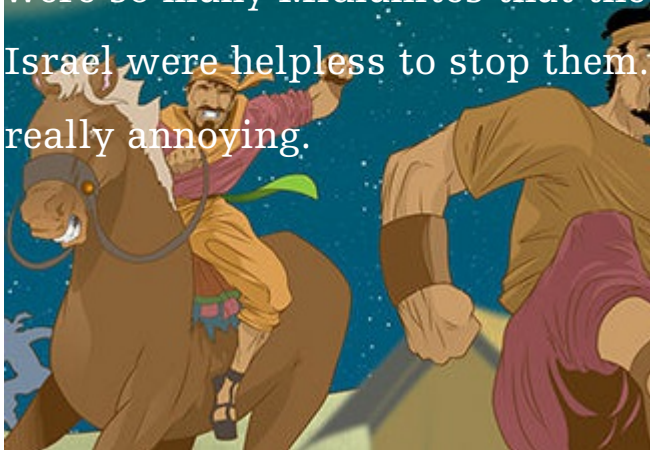


in Israel, near the land of
me to be an Israelite because
big jerks. They'd send large
Israel and ruin everything, just
n and mean.



The Midianites stole stuff. And
And broke stuff.

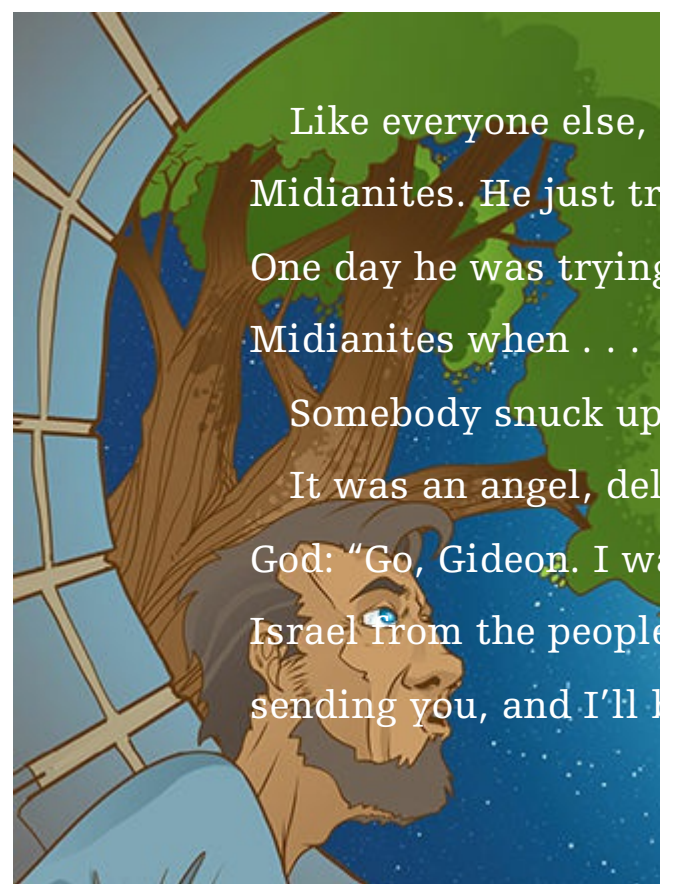
They took any food they could find
farm animals like cows and donkeys
were so many Midianites that the
Israel were helpless to stop them.
really annoying.



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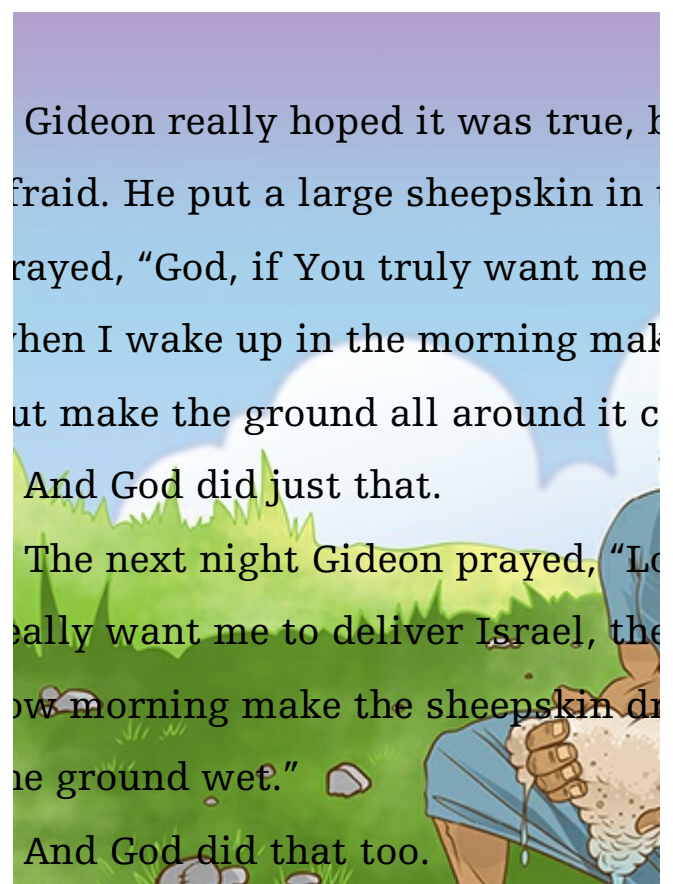
An illustration of a man with a beard and a blue tunic, looking upwards with a surprised expression. He is positioned in the lower foreground. Behind him is a large, gnarled tree with green foliage. The background is a dark blue night sky filled with small white stars. On the left side, there is a structure with a grid-like pattern, possibly a window or a fence, with light blue and tan colors.

Like everyone else,
Midianites. He just tr
One day he was trying
Midianites when . . .

Somebody snuck up
It was an angel, del
God: "Go, Gideon. I wa
Israel from the people
sending you, and I'll l

Gideon was afraid of the
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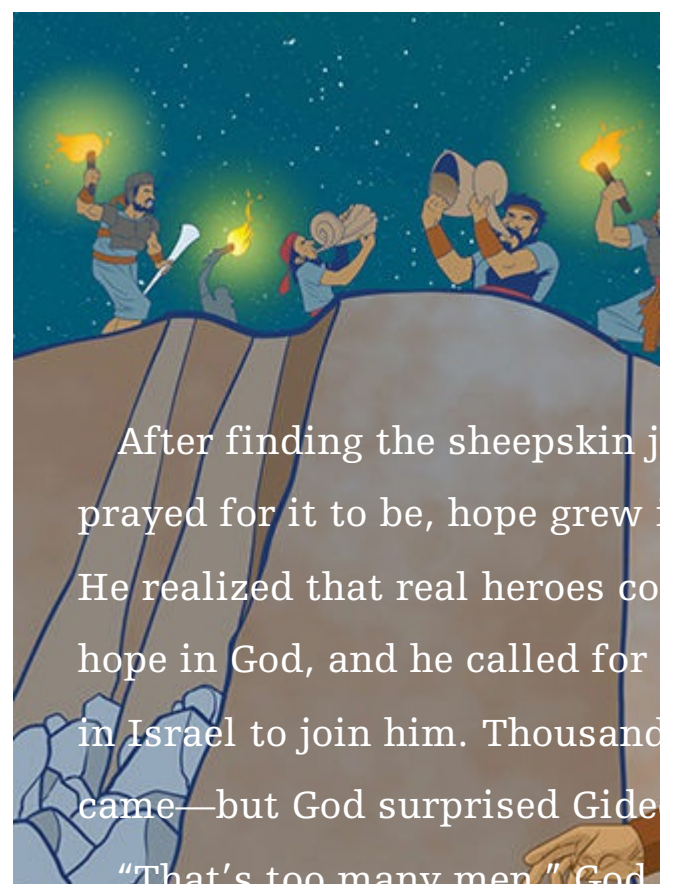
Gideon really hoped it was true, but he was afraid. He put a large sheepskin in front of him and prayed, "God, if You truly want me to lead Israel, then I wake up in the morning make the ground all around it cold and dry." And God did just that.

The next night Gideon prayed, "Lord, if You really want me to deliver Israel, then I wake up in the morning make the sheepskin drop dew on the ground wet." And God did that too.

but he was still
the grass at night and
to deliver Israel, then
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An illustration of four men standing on the peak of a mountain at night. The sky is dark blue with many small white stars. The men are dressed in ancient-style clothing. From left to right: the first man holds a torch aloft in his right hand and a white scroll in his left; the second man holds a torch aloft in his right hand and a large, rolled-up scroll in his left; the third man holds a large, rolled-up scroll with both hands; the fourth man holds a torch aloft in his right hand. The mountain is brown and has a deep crevice running down its center. In the bottom left corner, there is a small illustration of a rocky, blue-grey mountain peak. In the bottom right corner, there is a small illustration of a hand holding a scroll.

After finding the sheepskin jacket, Gideon
prayed for it to be, hope grew in his heart.
He realized that real heroes come from
hope in God, and he called for
in Israel to join him. Thousands
came—but God surprised Gideon.

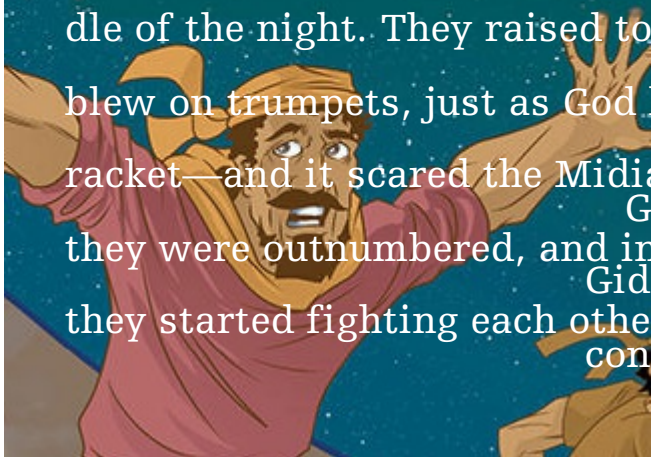
“That’s too many men,” God said.



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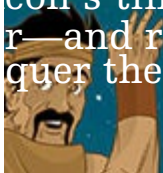
In the end only three hundred
Gideon—a tiny number of soldiers
sands and thousands of Midian.
But with God's help, it was more

Gideon's men marched up to
dle of the night. They raised their
blew on trumpets, just as God told
racket—and it scared the Midianites.
they were outnumbered, and in the
Gideon's men started fighting each other
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quer their enemies!





Bibleman says,

My friend Rose was re
Gideon. After all, Gid
Midianites—but he v
with hope from God.

After Rose learned
that God would help h
was at church camp. That

He quit bother

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bother instead.
Make this "sheepskin" craft to remind

And by the way, that week at
you of Gideon and how real heroes ver
seven days of Rose's life! Yay, Gc
conquer fear with hope in God. bre

Use a black marker to write you

really glad to hear about
Gideon was afraid to fight the
he was able to conquer his fear

about Gideon, she prayed
for him to overcome fear while she
prayed for hope scared Dr. Fear!

challenge looking for someone else to

hide until it looks like a fluffy, funny
camp turned out to be the best
version of Gideon's sheepskin. At

God!
breakfast every day this week, hold up
your "sheepskin" and recite Jeremiah



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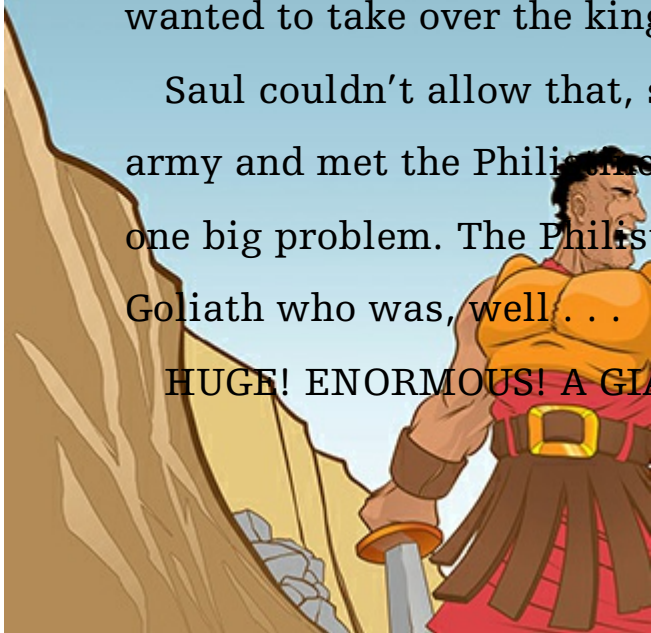
bly would be shaking

ur sandals, hiding

Saul was king in Israel when the Philistines came to town. There were thousands of Philistines who wanted to take over the kingdom of Israel.

Saul couldn't allow that, so he gathered his army and met the Philistines on the battlefield. One big problem. The Philistines had a champion, Goliath who was, well . . .

HUGE! ENORMOUS! A GIANT!



the Philistine army came

hundreds of them—and they

dominated.

So he gathered the Israelite

soldiers for battle. But there was

one who had a champion named



GIANT!



If Goliath were alive today, he'd ball because he could've dunked a ball to jump. But he lived back then, so instead. Goliath hated the Israelites about God either. Every day, for four days and roared, "Send me a man so we

The Israelites looked up, up, up and confidence went down, down, down. Nobody could beat Goliath. Nobody was wi



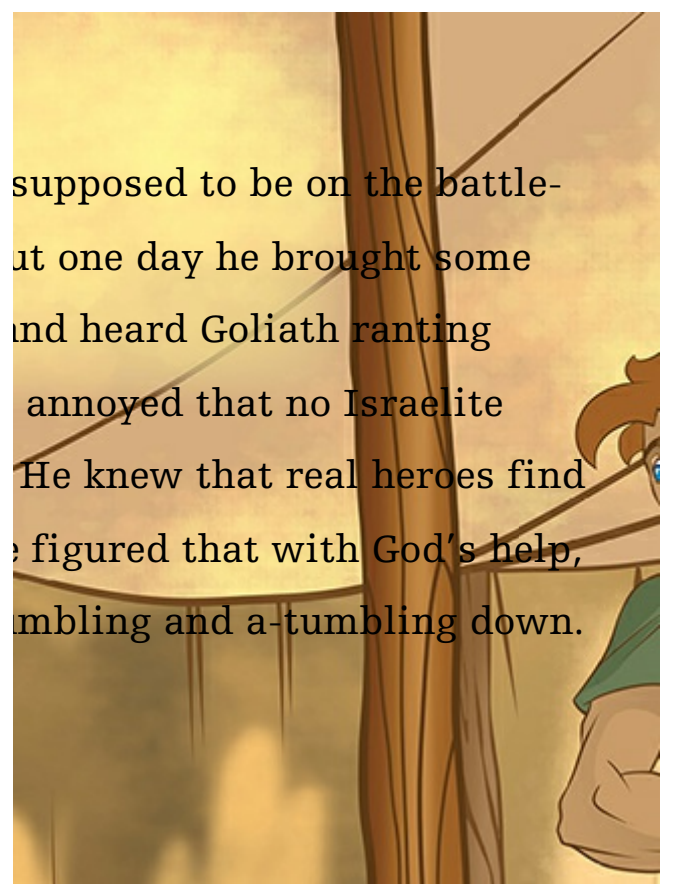
probably play basket-
ball without ever having
he was a fierce warrior
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can fight each other!"
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. . . Except David.

Now, David wasn't even s
field—he was too young. Bu
food to his older brothers a
across the field. David was
would stand up to Goliath.
their confidence in God! He
that giant would come a-ru





supposed to be on the battle-
at one day he brought some
and heard Goliath ranting
annoyed that no Israelite
He knew that real heroes find
e figured that with God's help,
umbling and a-tumbling down.

“Who’s this guy?” David said. “
beat the army of our living God?”

King Saul was glad to hear that
was willing to stand up to Goliath.
David his own armor for the fight.
David made a different plan.



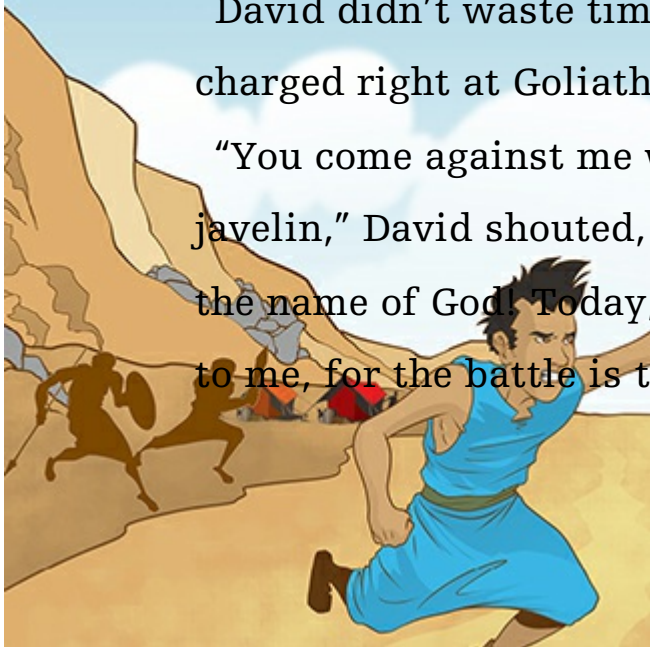
"Does he think he can
Pshaw. I'll fight him."
at somebody—anybody!—
th. He offered to loan
t. It didn't fit right, so



He took a sling and five
out to face the giant.

David didn't waste time
charged right at Goliath

"You come against me with
javelin," David shouted,
the name of God! Today,
to me, for the battle is t

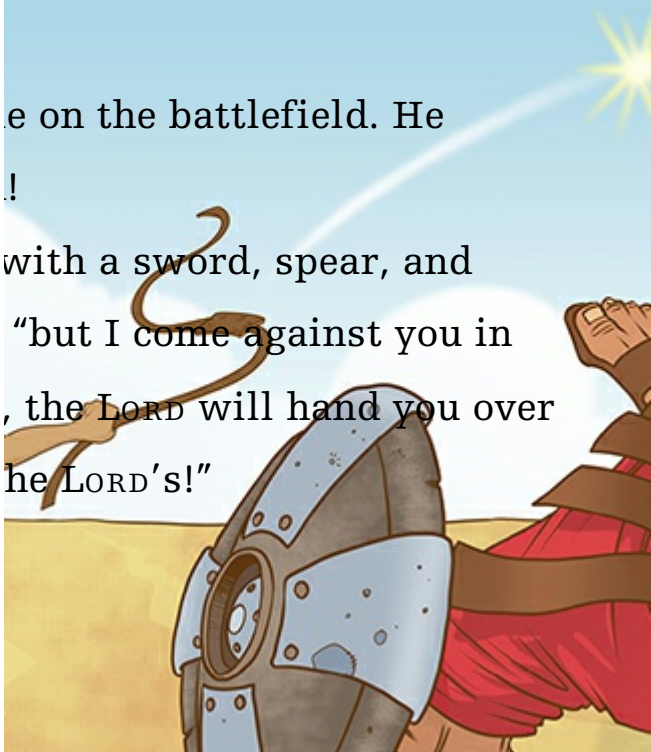


the smooth stones and went

on the battlefield. He
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with a sword, spear, and

"but I come against you in
, the LORD will hand you over
to the LORD's!"



David fired a stone from his sling.
It hit the giant right in the middle of his forehead.
Goliath rumbled. He stumbled
down, down, down, and fell the giant.
With confidence and power,
and the whole army of Israel.



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ant.

from God, David

had won!





Biblegirl says,

Wow! That was impressive! David was a young boy who was smaller than Goliath always had to be brave about facing something that scared everyone in Israel that he had confidence in God—and he won! That means that the next time you're

Crusher, or you're worried about something you have to do something that's scary,

Brainstorming with your parents, then have to give up! Like David, have confidence in knowing that God has the answer to this question. Give me three things I'd like to do but am nervous to try are . . ."

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helps me when I feel unsure
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t real heroes find their confi-
reminds us of that too.

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t random from the bowl. Make plans





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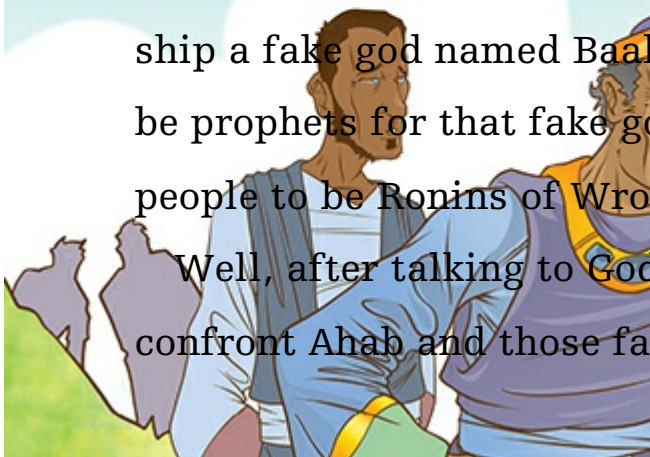
l over to help, but it looked



Elijah was a prophet of God. He lived during a time when the evil king Ahab was in charge.

Ahab and his wife, Jezebel, tried to lead people away from God. They built a temple to a fake god named Baal and made his prophets for that fake god. They even made people to be Ronins of Wroth.

Well, after talking to God, Elijah decided to confront Ahab and those fake



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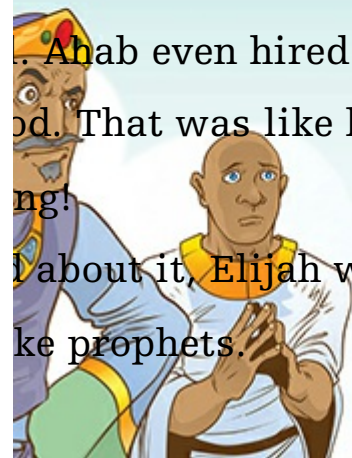
... Ahab even hired 450 men to

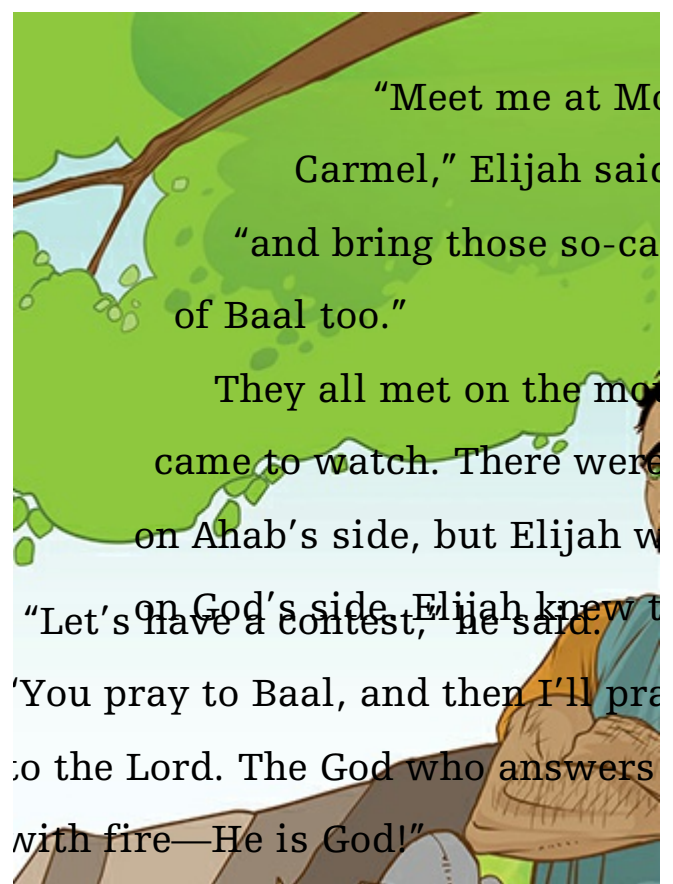
...od. That was like hiring 450

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"Meet me at Mount
Carmel," Elijah said
"and bring those so-called
prophets of Baal too."

They all met on the mountain.
Many people came to watch. There were
450 prophets on Ahab's side, but Elijah was

alone on God's side. Elijah knew that.
"Let's have a contest," he said.

"You pray to Baal, and then I'll pray
to the Lord. The God who answers
with fire—He is God!"

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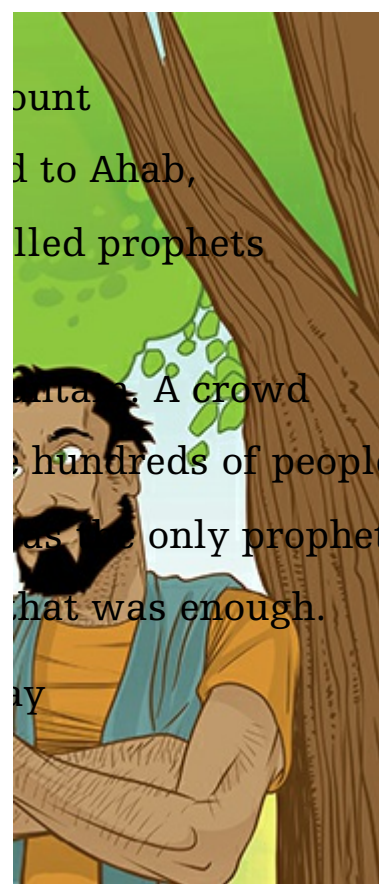
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The contest was ON.

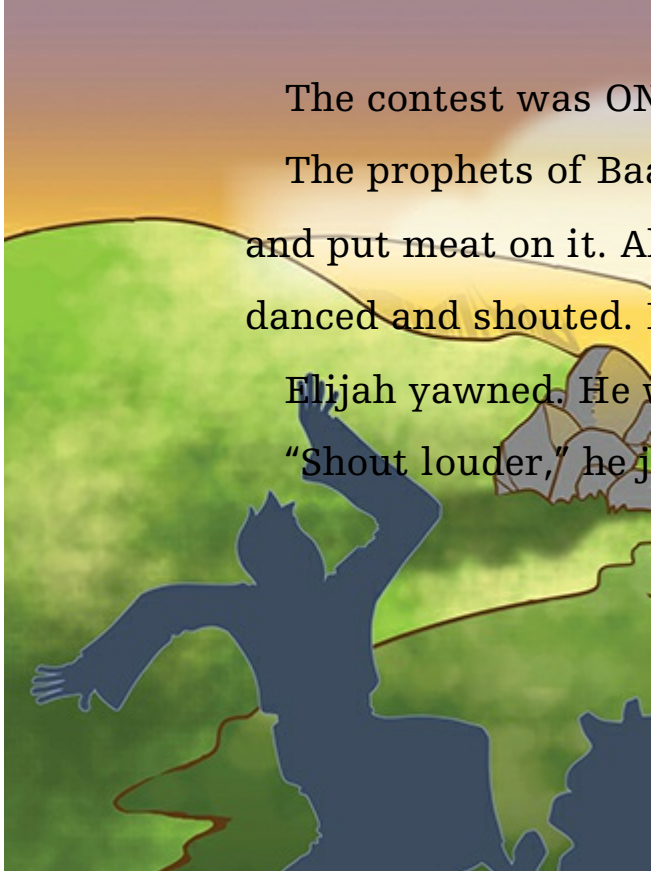
The prophets of Baal

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danced and shouted. I

Elijah yawned. He y

"Shout louder," he j



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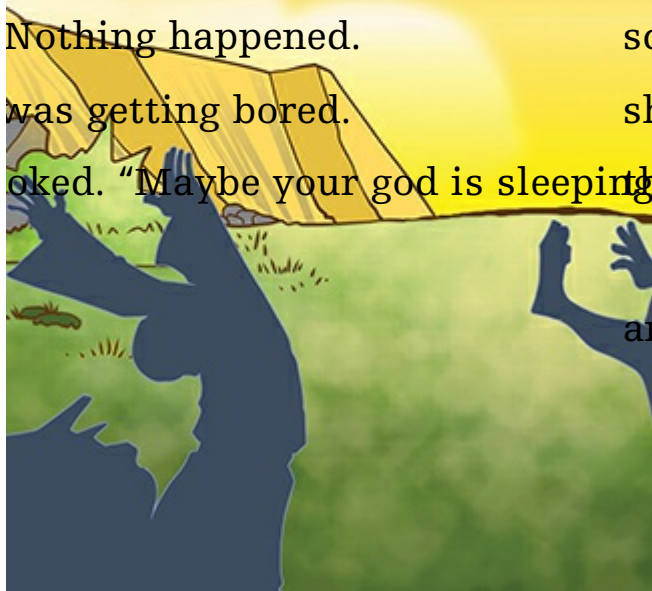
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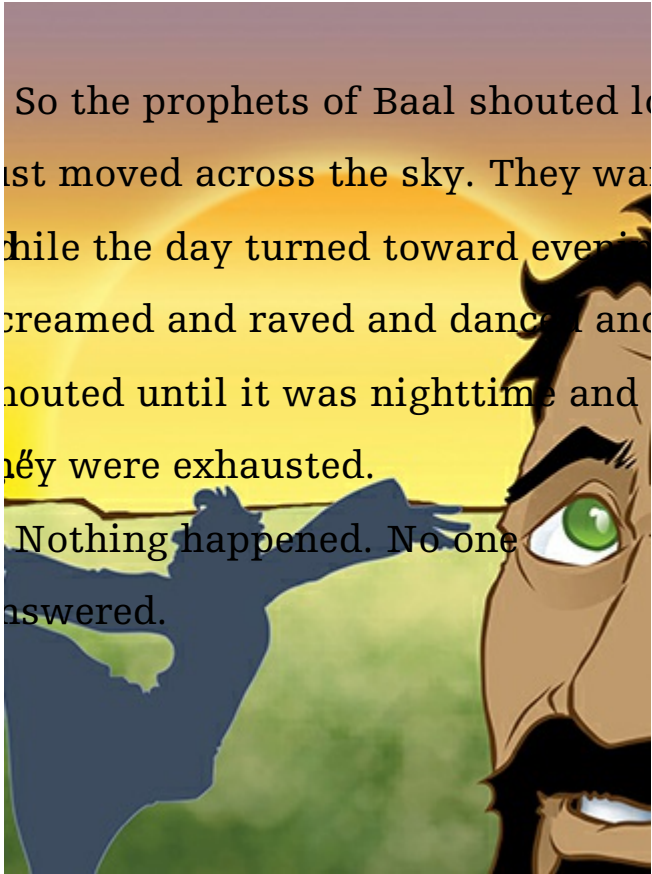
was getting bored.

oked. "Maybe your god is sleeping



So the prophets of Baal shouted loud-
est moved across the sky. They were
while the day turned toward evening.
They screamed and raved and danced and
shouted until it was nighttime and
they were exhausted.

Nothing happened. No one
answered.



ouder. The sun
iled and cried



"My turn," Elijah said at last.
He took twelve stones and
to the Lord. He put meat on the
he drenched everything with
pots of water. The altar was
dribbled everywhere! Finally
ready.

"LORD God," he said, "today
known that You are God . . ."



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built an altar
the altar. Then
twelve full
soaked! Water
7, Elijah was

7 let it be



Whooosshh!

God sent fire from heaven!

It burned up the meat, the altar, the
and even the water. When the people
they fell facedown and said, "The LORD
God! The LORD, He is God!"





he stones,
le saw it,
LORD, He is



Melody says,

Remember my friend. I told my friends about Elijah, and they all have a chance. "Real heroes stand up on the other side," all the kids told me.

By the time Bibleman came, they were already reading their Bibles again.

They were already left to think. He was no hero. **Bibleman**

Together with a parent, make a batch of "Elijah Cookies." These are sugar cookies decorated with a "lightning bolt" made of icing. As you're decorating the cookies, talk about these Bible stories.

Anika? After she told her
the Ronin of Wrong didn't
heroes are always on God's
him. "Just like Elijah."

When we got there, kids were
in, and the Ronin had

Challenge
...all of our real heroes with
people try to lead me away from God?
What can I do to stay on God's side
when that happens?"

When everything's ready, use
Romans 8:31 as a cheer—then enjoy

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Bow . . . or Burn?

An adventure about

being there, hero!

doing what's right

Did you know the Ambassador

of Ignorance once started a rock

band? It was called the Rotten

Lettuce Band, and his fans called

themselves "Lettuceheads." One

Monday morning the band scheduled



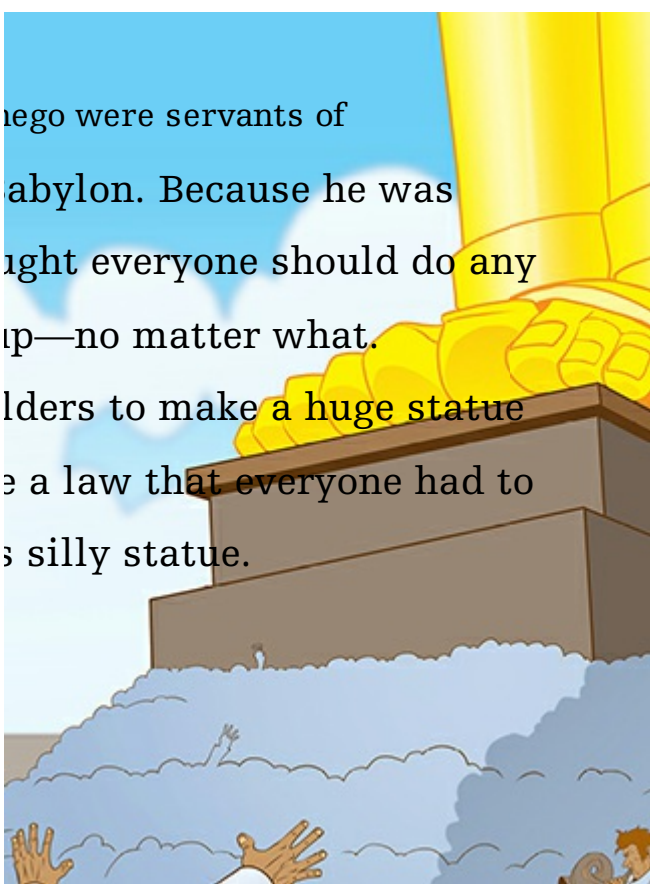


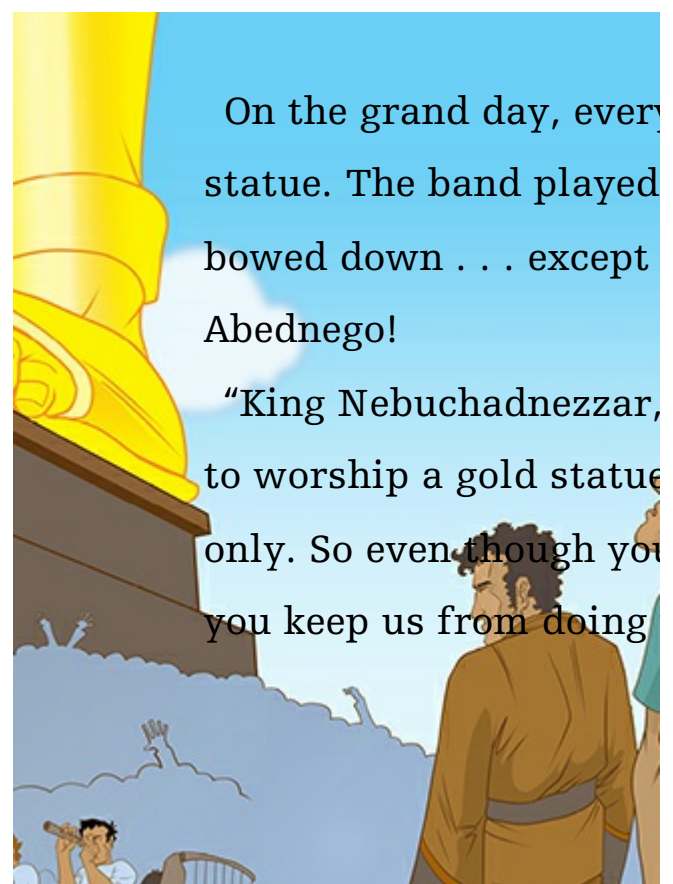
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
Nebuchadnezzar, king of B
king, Nebuchadnezzar thou
foolish thing he dreamed u

First, he ordered his buil
of pure gold. Then he made
bow down and worship his



...hego were servants of
...abylon. Because he was
...ight everyone should do any
...up—no matter what.
...lders to make a huge statue
...e a law that everyone had to
...s silly statue.



An illustration showing a large, golden, stylized statue of a person's head and shoulders on the left. The statue is yellow with orange outlines. Below the statue, a crowd of people is visible. In the foreground, a man with dark curly hair, wearing a brown robe, is seen from the back, looking towards the statue. To his right, another person's arm and shoulder are visible. In the lower left, a man is holding a telescope to his eye. The background is a light blue sky with a few wispy clouds. The overall style is that of a children's book illustration.

On the grand day, every
statue. The band played
bowed down . . . except
Abednego!

“King Nebuchadnezzar,
to worship a gold statue
only. So even though you
you keep us from doing

everyone gathered around the
, and all the king's servants
Shadrach, Meshach, and

" they said, "it's not right
e. We worship the Lord God
a're the king, we'll never let
what's right."



The king was furious! “If
he roared, “then you’ll bu
Guards! Take them!”

Things were pretty grim
Abednego. But they knew
what’s right than to live a

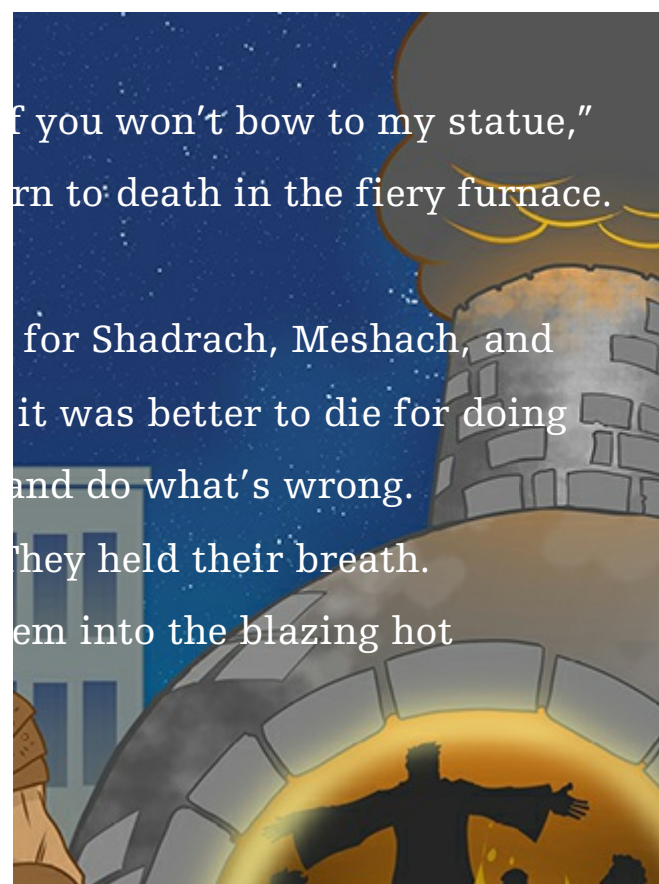
They closed their eyes. T
And the guards threw th
furnace.

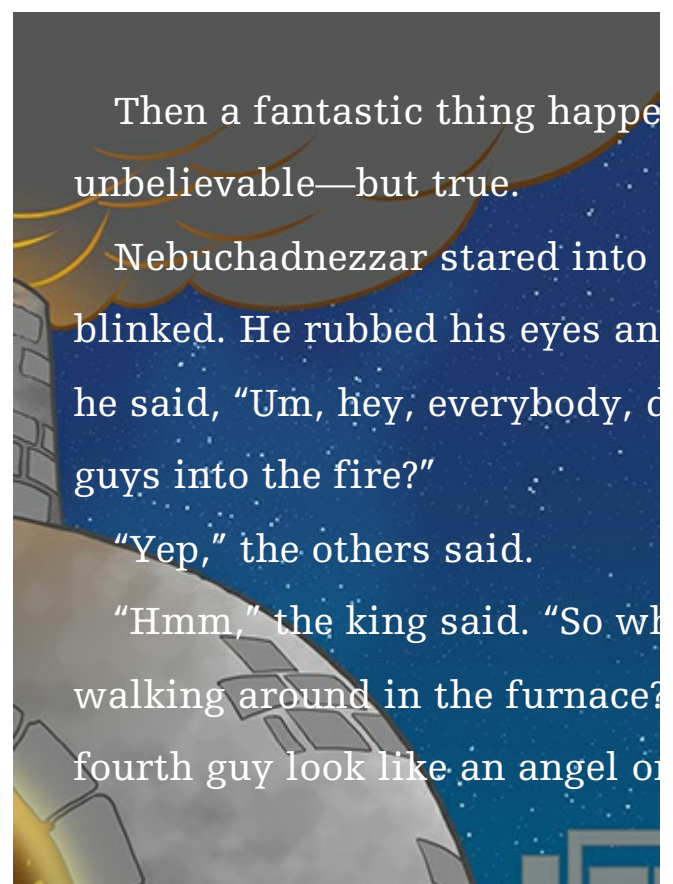


“If you won’t bow to my statue,”
“I will turn to death in the fiery furnace.”

for Shadrach, Meshach, and
it was better to die for doing
and do what’s wrong.

They held their breath.
Them into the blazing hot





Then a fantastic thing happened—unbelievable—but true.

Nebuchadnezzar stared into the fire and blinked. He rubbed his eyes and he said, “Um, hey, everybody, did you see those guys go into the fire?”

“Yep,” the others said.

“Hmm,” the king said. “So what were those guys walking around in the furnace? The fourth guy look like an angel or something?”

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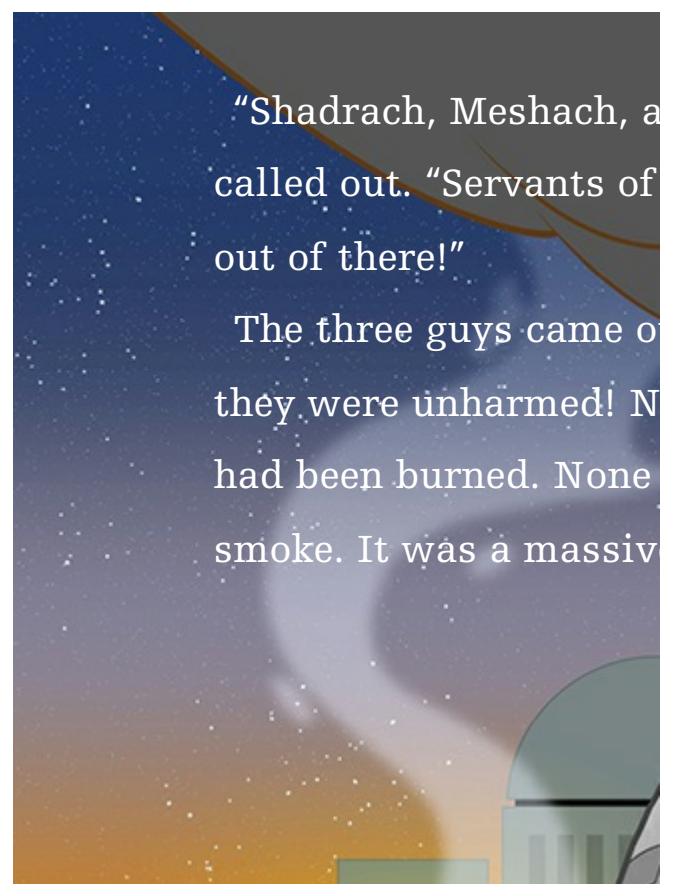
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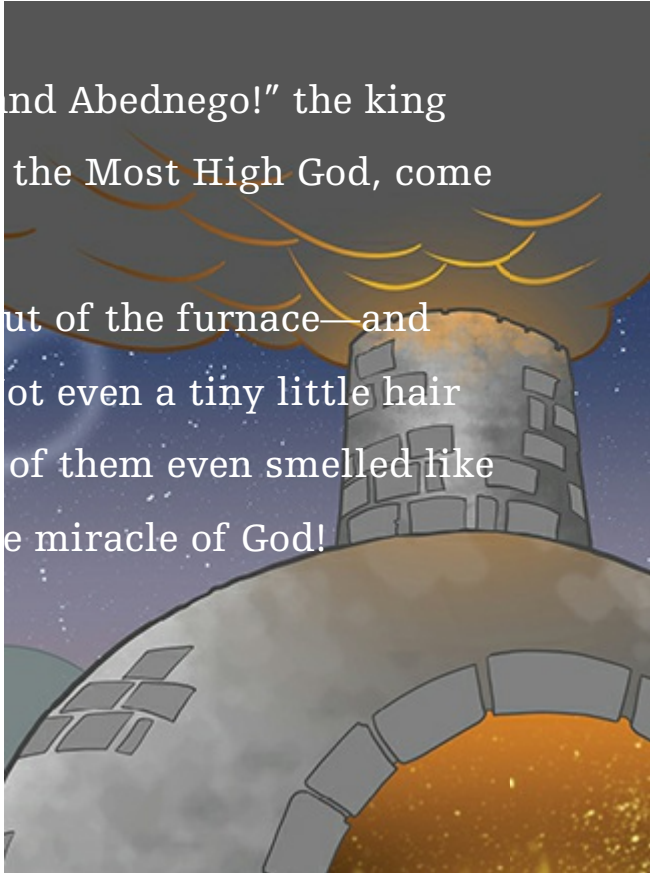
r something? Uh-oh



"Shadrach, Meshach, and
called out. "Servants of
out of there!"

The three guys came out
they were unharmed! No
had been burned. None
smoke. It was a massiv

and Abednego!" the king
the Most High God, come
out of the furnace—and
not even a tiny little hair
of them even smelled like
the miracle of God!



"You risked your life to
Nebuchadnezzar said to the
obey a king's command that
saved you! So I hereby decree
that no one will ever say anything
against Shadrach, Meshach, and A



do what was right,
them. "You refused to
that was wrong, and
decree that from now
g bad about the God
Abednego!"





Cypher says,

Remembering what he
and Abednego is real
Sometimes it's hard to
others try to lead us
wrong. But hearing about
Abednego reminds us to
don't let anyone keep us from doing

As for the Ambassador of Faith

Have you ever thought to thank the Bible
his far after Bible girl reminded

people who help you do what's right?
morning concert was a big fight

This Sunday's guitar when he slipped

"Thank you!" to three people who Me

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happened to Shadrach, Meshach,
ly encouraging for us today.
to follow God, especially when
into doing things that are
out Shadrach, Meshach, and
hat we can be real heroes who
doing what's right.

Challenge

Today, nobody wanted to be
ible class teacher, your pastor, and
them of the truth. His Sunday
He worshiped at your church. For
He stormed out of town and then
extra family of picture letters. Shadrach,
Meshach, and Abednego, and include



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Something Smells Fishy

an adventure about sharing
Hello, hero!

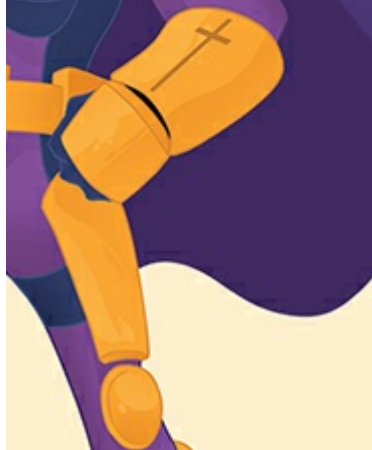
Jonah 1-3
Mr. Malevolent has a strange
way of thinking. He hates
that God will forgive people
who've done something wrong!
Recently he tried to prevent
Christians from telling others about
God's message of love. He started a





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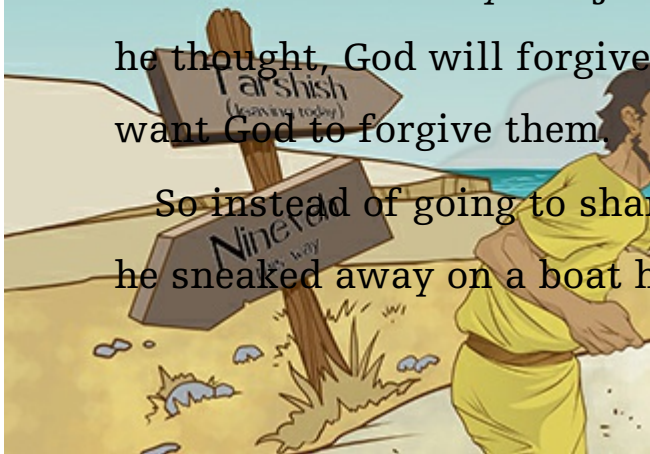
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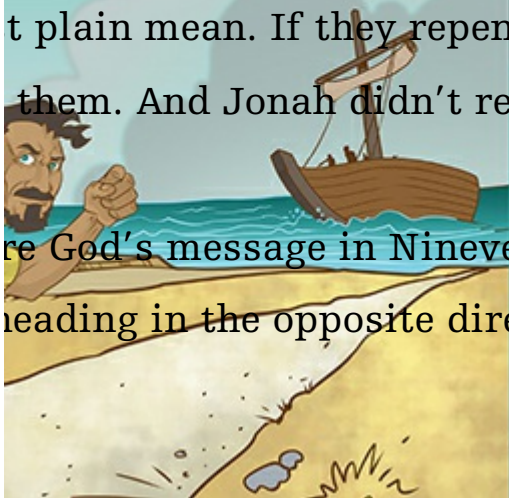
Jonah was one of God's prophets
God's special messages with

One day God told Jonah to
Nineveh. Jonah wasn't happy
because they were rude and nasty and just
he thought, God will forgive
them. He didn't want God to forgive them.

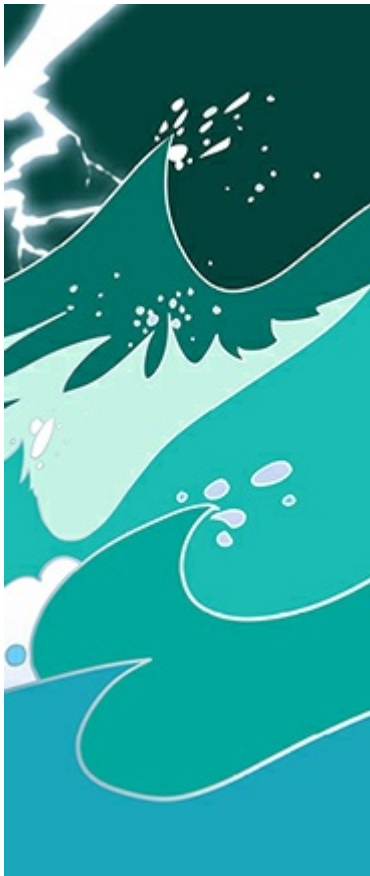
So instead of going to Nineveh
he sneaked away on a boat to

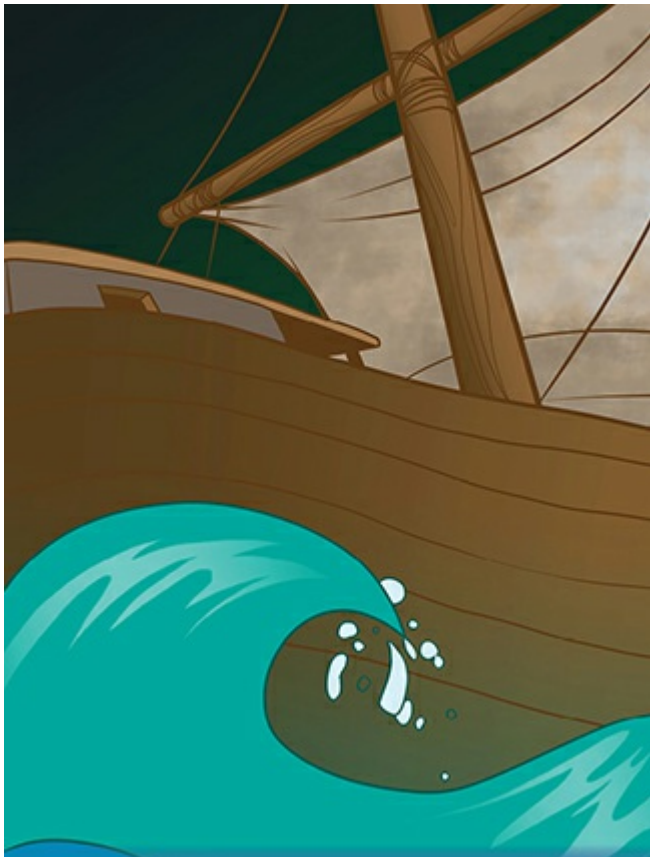


a long time ago. He shared
with people all around him.
to go preach in the city of
Nineveh about that. People in Nineveh
didn't really mean it. If they repent,
I will forgive them. And Jonah didn't really
want to share God's message in Nineveh,
because he was heading in the opposite direction.









Earl of the 16th century







Jonah was miserable inside.
The smell was awful! It was cramped!
And seaweed got all over him.

He prayed to God for help.

After Jonah had been in the fish's belly for three days,
God answered his prayer.



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over Jonah's face!

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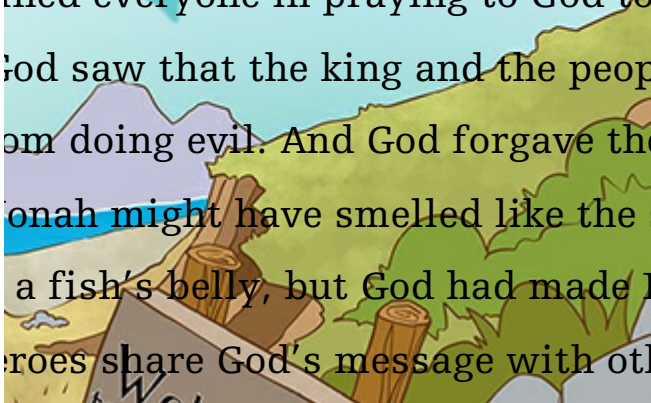
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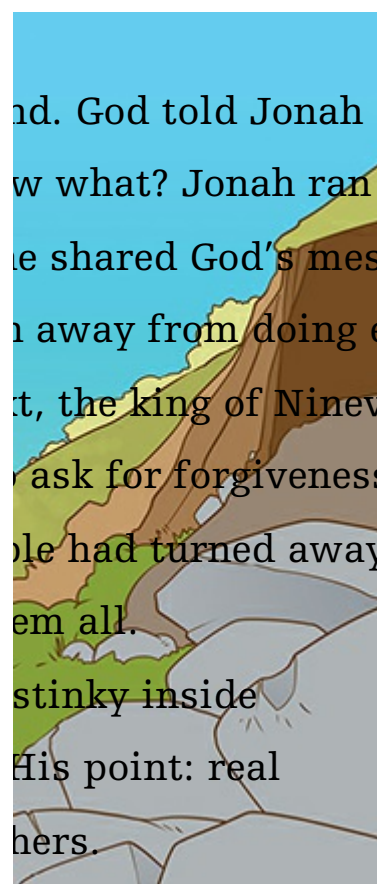
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The fish spat up Jonah onto dry land again to go to Nineveh, and you know Nineveh! On the first day there, he went with the people, telling them to turn from their evil. They immediately did just that! Next he urged everyone in praying to God to forgive them. God saw that the king and the people had turned from doing evil. And God forgave them. Jonah might have smelled like the inside of a fish's belly, but God had made him a hero to share God's message with others.



A stylized illustration of a rocky coastline. The foreground features large, grey, angular rocks. Behind them is a green, grassy hillside that slopes down to a blue body of water. The sky is a solid light blue. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image, following the curve of the coastline.

nd. God told Jonah
w what? Jonah ran right
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ask for forgiveness.
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His point: real
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Bibleman says,

Jonah's experience is
shouldn't be "No-Share"
have to be shy about
Word. When we tell our

we're discovering in the
them learn to love and follow

When kids in the world are

Bibleman Says

Malevolent's hateful "No-Share"
What are three unexpected ways you
sharing the good news from the
could share what you learned from

Jonah? For instance, you could perform
form a "Living Room Theatre" show
for your family, write a new "Jonah to

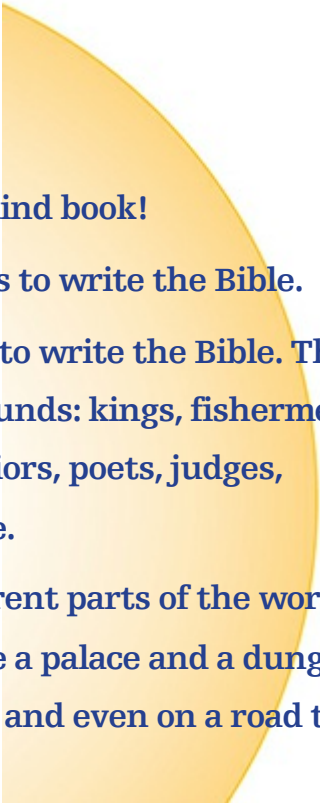
a great reminder that we
are Know-It-Alls." We don't
sharing messages from God's
our friends and family what
the Bible, God uses us to help
know Him too!

Challenge When Jonah, they shut down Mr.
' club. Last I heard, they were
to make a "Jonah Refrigerator Poster"
Bible with him instead!
to start conversation when friends
come to your house.

Brainstorm ideas, then choose one
to share the Bible's message of Jonah

Did You Know?

- The Bible is an amazing, one-of-a-kind book.
- It took about fifteen hundred years to write.
- God used more than forty authors to write it. They came from many different backgrounds: kings, farmers, doctors, politicians, servants, warriors, fishermen, shepherds, tax collectors, and more.
- The Bible was written in two different languages (Hebrew and Greek) and in many different places (Asia and Europe) and in places like caves, in the wilderness and on a hillside, and while traveling from town to town.



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An adventure about being
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Earlier this year the Prince

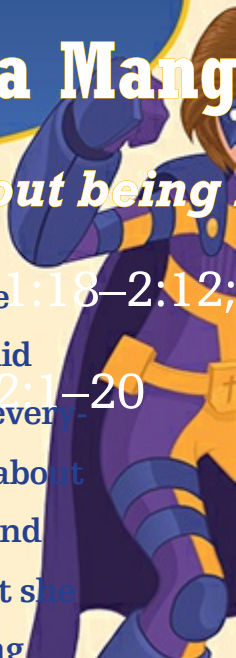
Pride came to town. He said
that since he was a prince, every-

one should make a big fuss about

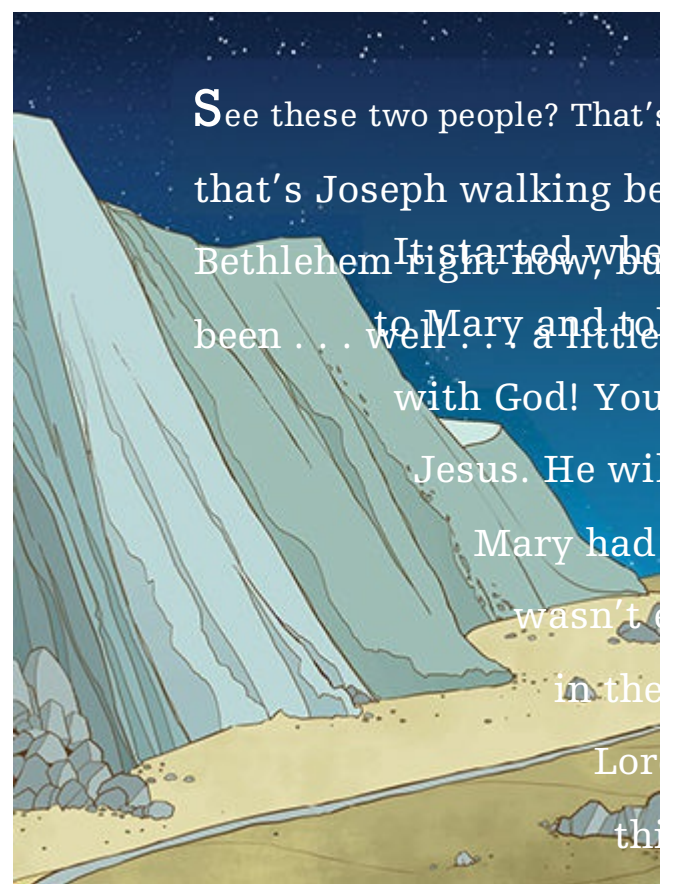
his arrival. He called my friend

Caroline and demanded that she

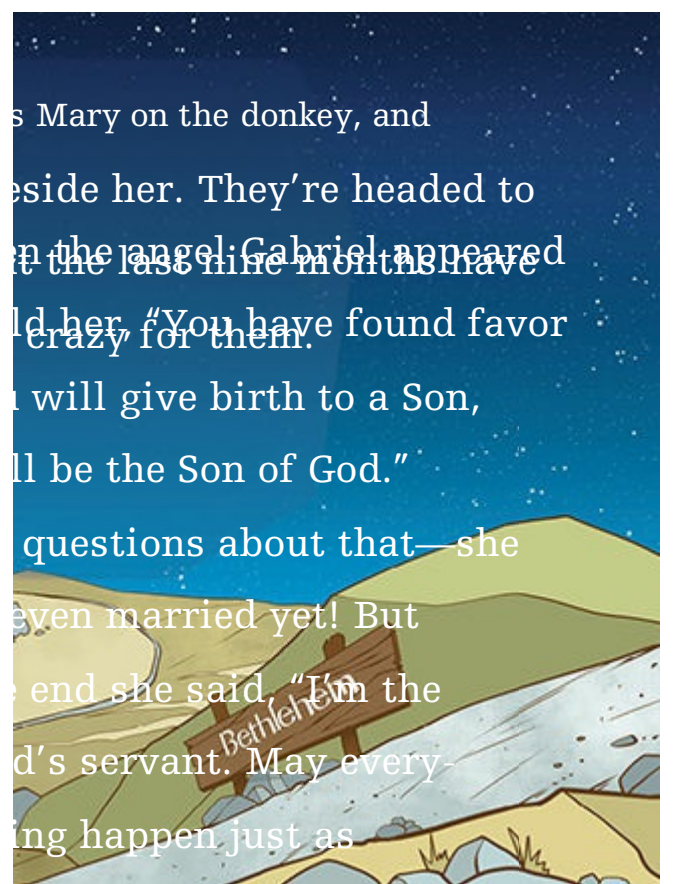
organize a parade, a marching







See these two people? That's
that's Joseph walking be
Bethlehem. It started whe
right now, be
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with God! You
Jesus. He wi
Mary had
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s Mary on the donkey, and
eside her. They're headed to
n the angel Gabriel appeared
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ld her, "You have found favor
crazy for them.
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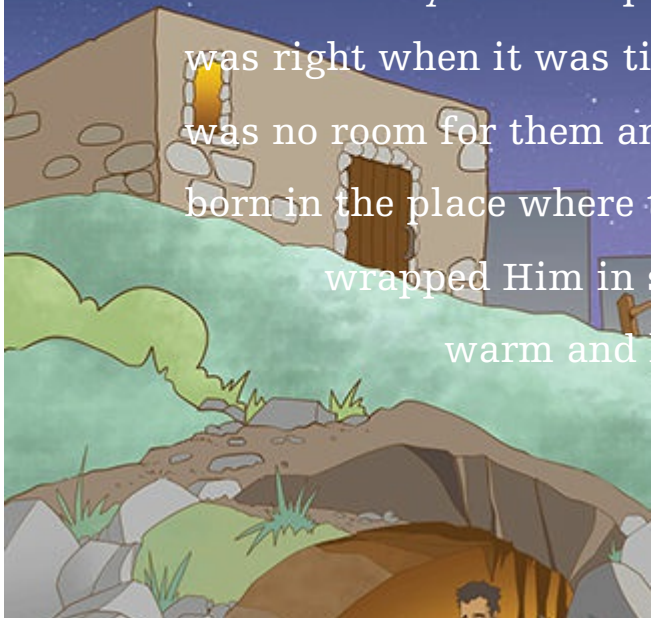
Joseph was engaged to Mary



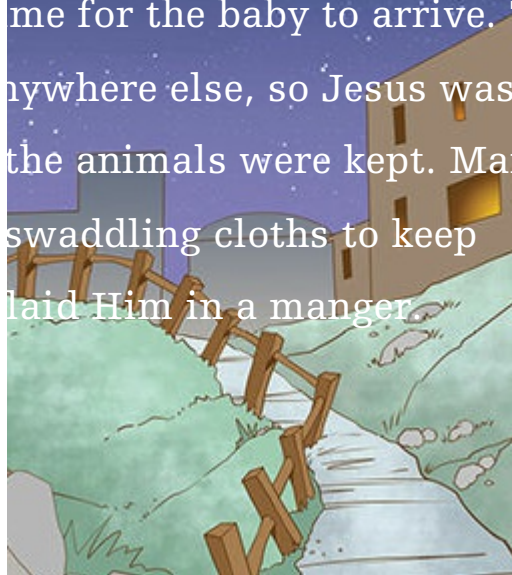
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See where the animals
where Jesus was born.

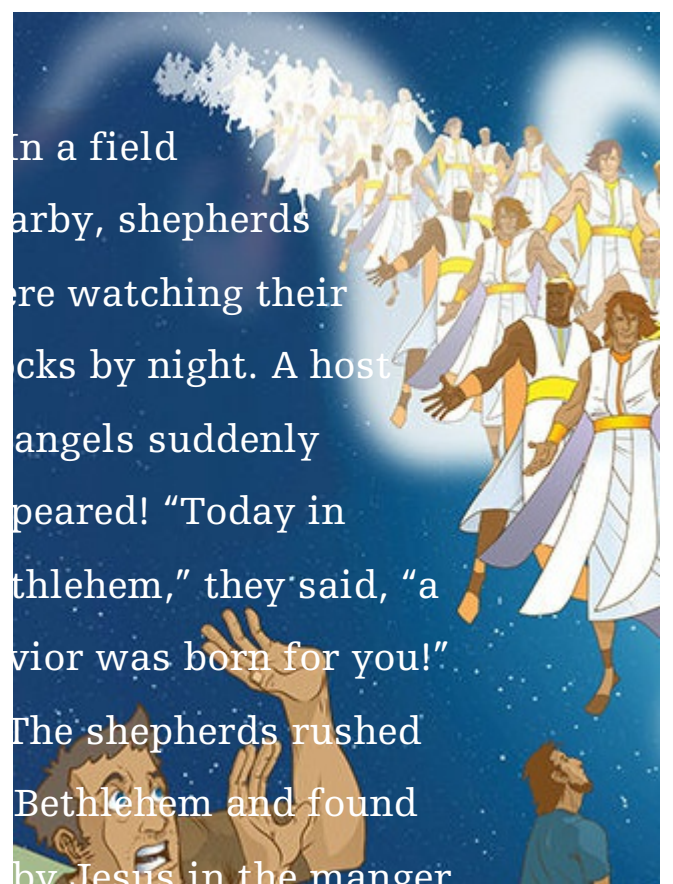
When Mary and Joseph
was right when it was ti
was no room for them an
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wrapped Him in
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are? That's the humble place
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anywhere else, so Jesus was
the animals were kept. Mary
swaddling cloths to keep
laid Him in a manger.



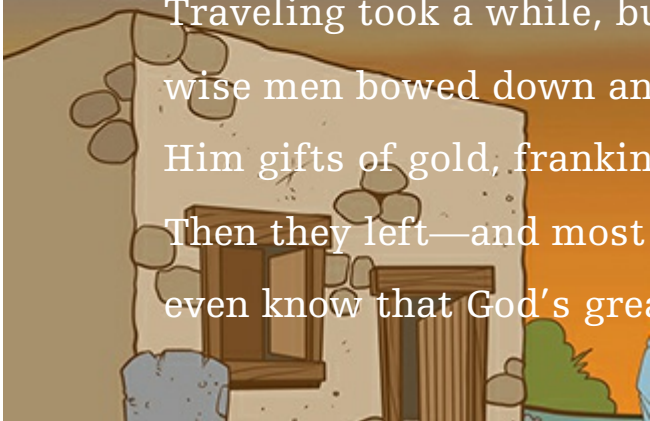
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An illustration depicting the Nativity scene. In the upper half, a large group of angels, dressed in white robes with yellow and purple sashes, are flying through a dark blue night sky filled with stars. They are holding long, glowing white ribbons that trail behind them, creating a bright, ethereal path. In the lower half, two shepherds are shown from the chest up. The shepherd on the left is looking upwards with a wide-eyed, open-mouthed expression of awe, his hands raised in a gesture of surprise. The shepherd on the right is also looking up, his expression more composed. The overall scene is one of divine revelation and wonder.

In a field
nearby, shepherds
were watching their
flocks by night. A host
of angels suddenly
appeared! "Today in
Bethlehem," they said, "a
savior was born for you!"
The shepherds rushed
to Bethlehem and found
him by Jesus in the manger



See those three men? Well,
When Jesus was born, O
These magi from the East
what it meant. God's Son
They came from far away
Traveling took a while, but
wise men bowed down and
Him gifts of gold, frankincense,
Then they left—and most
even know that God's great



They call them "magi" or "wise men."

God put a new star in the sky.

They saw the star, and they knew

that a new king had been born!

They came to meet the humble, new king.

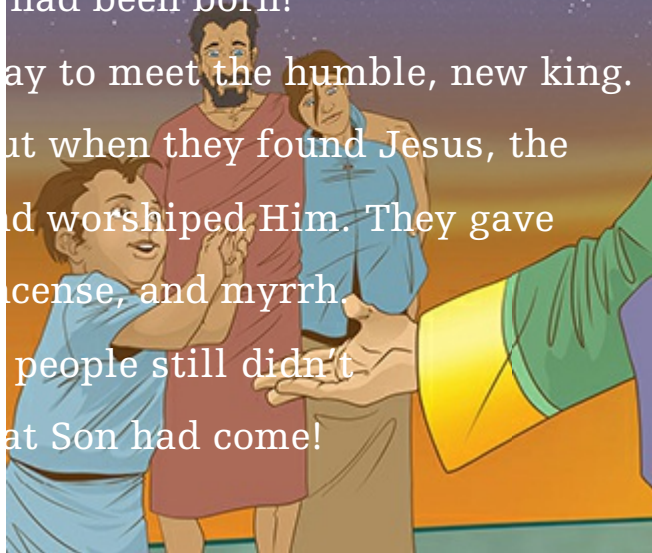
But when they found Jesus, the

new king, they worshiped Him. They gave

gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

But the Jewish people still didn't

know that the Son of God had come!



Yes, Jesus was the SON OF GOD
ever to happen anywhere on earth.
He would've been born in a giant
crowds and fancy clothes and a



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th! You'd think that
at castle, with cheer
crib made of solid





Biblegirl says,

When we're tempted to
from others, it's helpful
ble way God chose for
being self-centered, we
who are humble like Je

That's what Caroline de

Jesus' birth helped her resist the
giving in to his silly demands for

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Design a new Christmas card for your
volunteering at her church.

family, no matter what time of year
it is! Have your mom or dad write Th
Philippians 2:3 on it, then mail it to fol

to demand special treatment
ul to remember the hum-
Jesus to be born. Instead of
we can choose to be real heroes
Jesus.

decided to do! Thinking about
the Prince of Pride. Instead of
challenge
'glory' she spent her time vol-
the card in the mail, have everyone
recite the Bible verse aloud together.
Then brainstorm three ways you can
follow Jesus' humble example this

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Mark 1:40–45; 2

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Yesterday

is pretty

citing. My

end Corey fell

his skateboard

d skinned his knee.

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A cartoon superhero character with a blue mask and purple cape is shown from the chest up. He is holding a large, golden, three-dimensional cross. The background is a solid light yellow color.

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Miracles

about kindness

:1–12; 8:22–26

One time, when Jesus was t
a very sick man met Him
skin disease called lepro
a skinned knee—but all o
got better, but always go
miserable.

“Jesus,” the man said,
You’re willing, You can r
me better.”



traveling through Galilee,
on the road. The man had a
sy. It was kind of like having
over his body! And it never
ot worse. That poor man was

"if
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Jesus didn't laugh at the man,
or make fun of him. Instead, He
said, "I am willing. Be clean!"

Bam! The skin disease instantly

That man was so happy he cou
He told anyone who would listen
disease! Jesus did it—He healed



or chase him away,
looked at the man and

y healed!

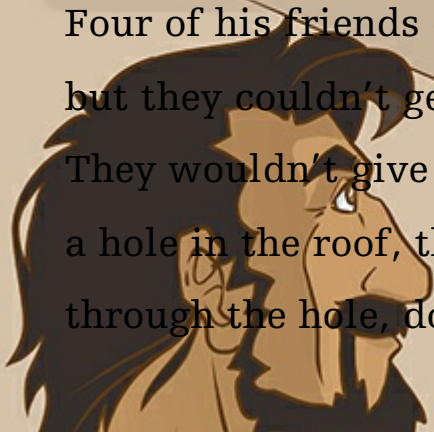
ld barely contain himself.

, "Jesus healed my
me all over!"



Another time, a large crowd gathered at Jesus' home where Jesus was teaching. So many people came that there was no room left. No one could even get to the front of the house.

In the crowd was a man with a fever. Four of his friends carried him to Jesus, but they couldn't get through the crowd. They wouldn't give up, though. They made a hole in the roof, then lowered the man through the hole, down to where Jesus was.



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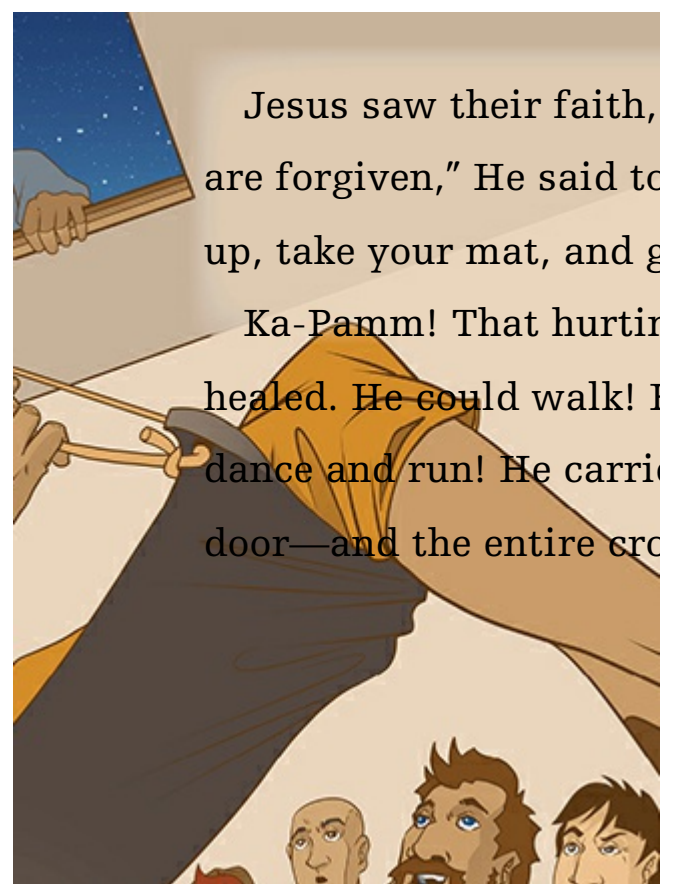
n all the people.

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here Jesus was!



An illustration depicting a scene where a man is being helped to stand. A hand is visible in the upper left corner, holding a wooden frame or window pane that looks out onto a starry night sky. Below this, a man is being supported by a crowd. A person's arm is visible, holding a wooden stick that is used to lift a dark, draped garment (possibly a cloak or robe) from the man. The man is wearing an orange tunic. The crowd at the bottom shows the faces of several people, including a man with a beard and blue eyes, and another man with dark hair, all looking up with expressions of surprise or awe.

Jesus saw their faith,
are forgiven," He said to
up, take your mat, and g

Ka-Pamm! That hurtin
healed. He could walk! He
dance and run! He carri
door—and the entire cro

and He smiled. "Your sins
to the paralyzed man. "Get
go home."
g man was instantly
He could jump! He could
ed his mat out the front
owd was amazed.



And then there was the
blind man to Jesus. Life was
couldn't work, people were
sit in the street and beg for
food.

Jesus wanted to help them.
He touched the man's eyes once,
then twice . . .
then . . .



time when people brought a
was hard for that poor guy. He
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ust to get food.

re blind man feel better. He
nce . . .



Wham-a-lam!

The blind man's sight was restored clearly! Once again, Jesus had helped a person to feel better. And you know what kind of thing All. The. Time!

He is a real, true hero.



ored! He saw everything
elped a hurting
ow what? Jesus did this





Bibleman says,

Jesus is the greatest hero
to look at what He did
remember that real hero

After I told Corey's

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low Jesus' example, so to

back home so he could say

Have a parent write the words of "H
They were real heroes to their f

Ephesians 4:32 on a sheet of paper to
skateboarding before the day w

or cardboard. Next, cut the paper ou

(or cardboard) into puzzle shapes ple

and mix them up. Spend a few min-You

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hero ever. When we take time
while on earth, it helps us
heroes help others feel better.
friends what Jesus' did, they
lean away. They wanted to fol-
wo of them helped Corey walk
up that skinned knee.

Challenge

How does Jesus help us feel better
friend—and Corey was back to
today? Afterward, say Ephesians 4:32
out loud together, then pray, “Jesus,
please help us to be real heroes like
You are. This week, show us how we

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Jesus vs. the Super-Storm

hey there, hero!

A few weeks ago my *adventure about courage*

and Erik broke his

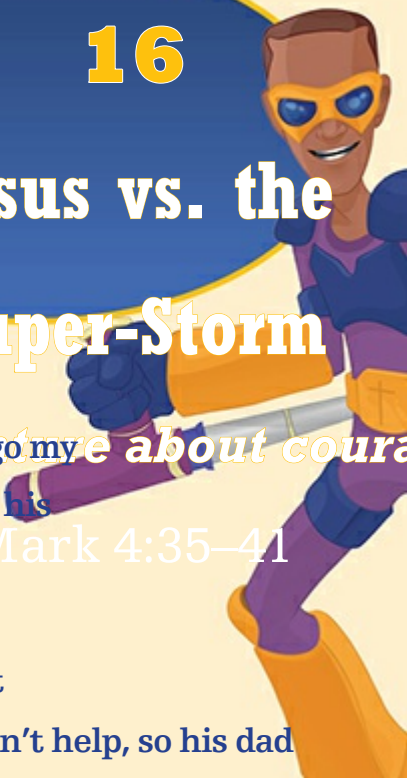
arm when he fell

out of a tree. He

was rubbing dirt

on it, but that didn't help, so his dad

Mark 4:35–41





It was nighttime near the Sea of Galilee at the end of a long day. Jesus and his disciples picked up their things and headed toward the boat, which was waiting for them. They passed across the sea. While they were crossing, Jesus fell down to take a nap.



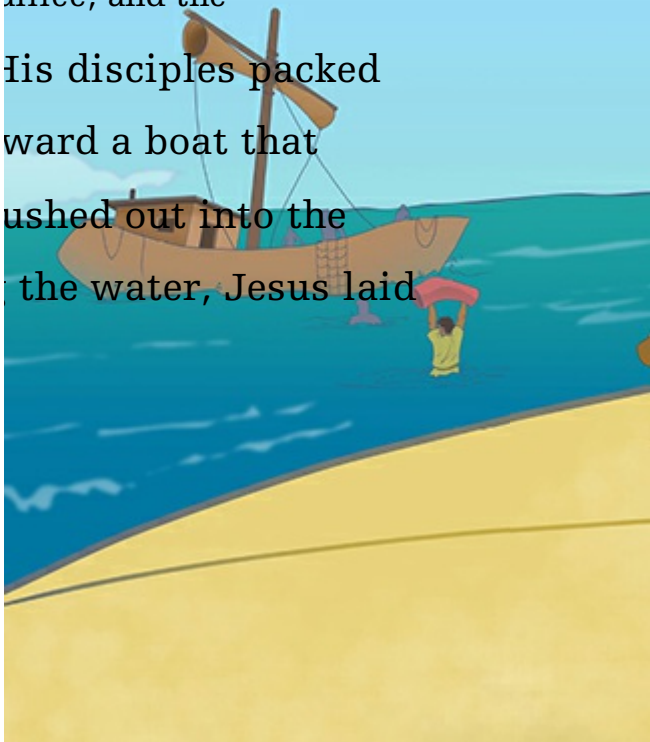
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His disciples packed

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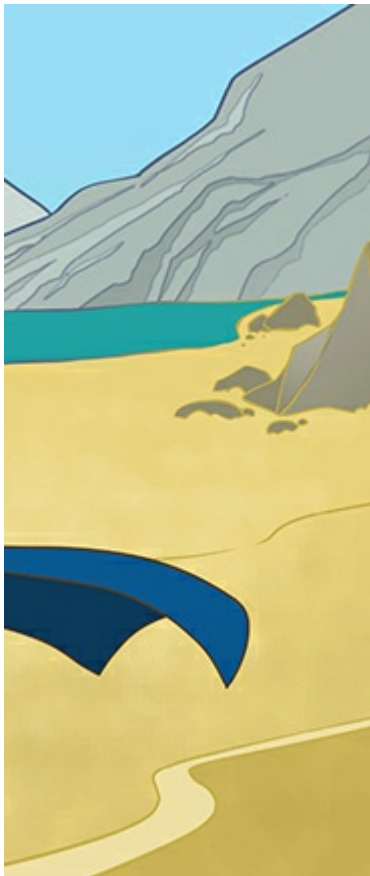
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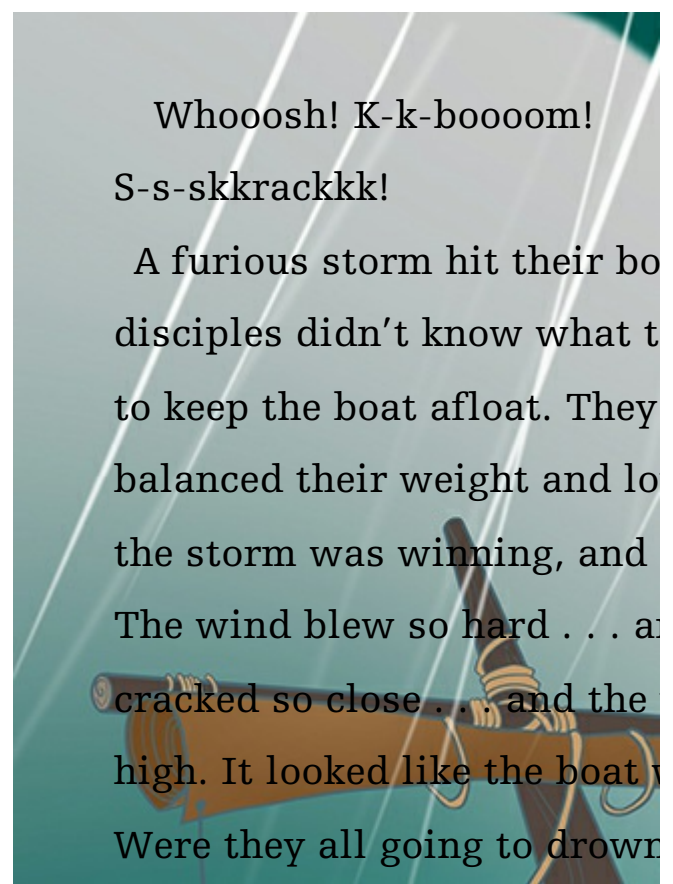
the water, Jesus laid



But in the distance,
a storm was brewing.

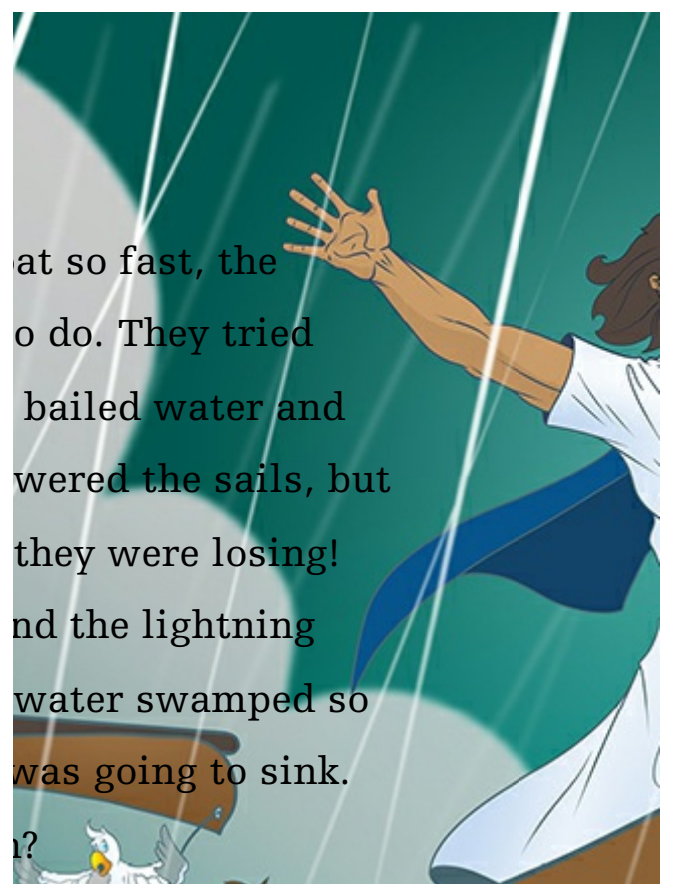






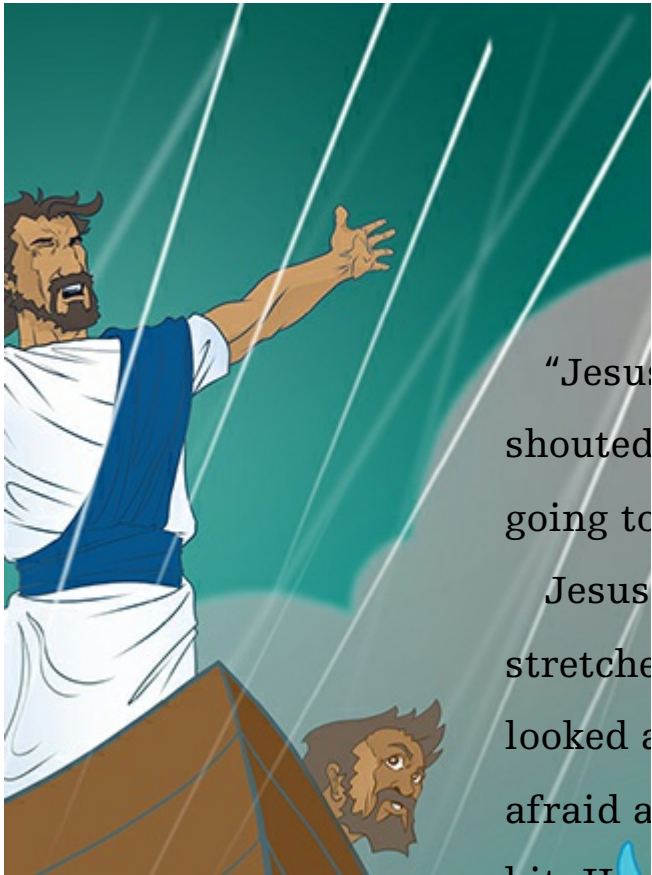
Whooosh! K-k-boooom!
S-s-skkrackkk!

A furious storm hit their boat. Their disciples didn't know what to do to keep the boat afloat. They tried to balance their weight and lose weight, but the storm was winning, and the boat was sinking. The wind blew so hard . . . and the waves crashed so close . . . and the rain fell so high. It looked like the boat was going to sink. Were they all going to drown?

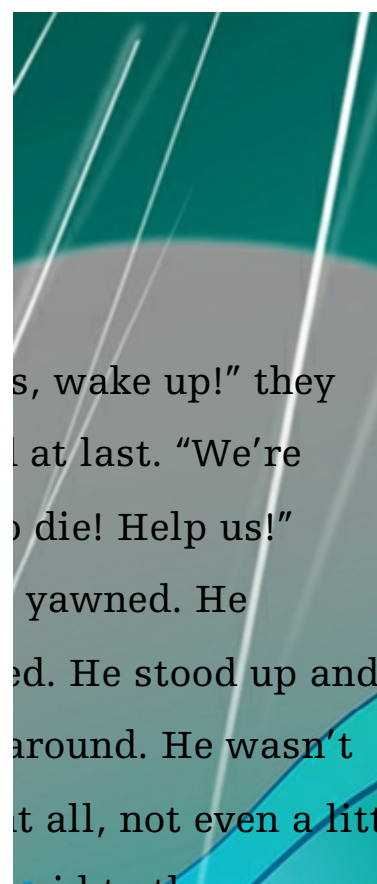


at so fast, the
o do. They tried
bailed water and
wered the sails, but
they were losing!
nd the lightning
water swamped so
was going to sink.

n?



“Jesus
shouted
going to
Jesus
stretche
looked a
afraid a
lit. II



s, wake up!" they
at last. "We're
die! Help us!"
yawned. He
ed. He stood up and
around. He wasn't
at all, not even a little

A cartoon illustration of a man with a beard and brown hair, wearing a blue shirt, looking out from the deck of a ship at night. The ship's railing and a large, light-colored structure are visible in the foreground. The background shows a dark blue night sky with white stars and a lighter blue horizon line.

Immediately the wind
ceased and there was
a great calm on the Sea





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the



"Who is this man?"

They whispered among

themselves. "Even the



Cypher says,

Even Jesus' disciples saw
their example we learn
Jesus when they need
we all need to remember

At the hospital, Erik
call on Jesus for courage

Bibleman prayed for Jesus to help

Jesus answered by giving Erik no
What would happen if you prayed for
him to be calm while the doctors
for Jesus to give you courage every day

Dr. Fear was defeated once again
day for one week? Try it! This week

when you get up in the morning, get

together with your family and pray

sometimes felt scared. From
n that real heroes call to
l courage. That's something
ber today!

was glad to discover he could
about his broken arm. He and
In no matter what happened.

Challenge
new strength inside, helping
courage to face any fear today. Thank
s worked on mending his arm.
You, Amen!" Before bedtime each
n!

night, have everyone tell about how
that prayer was answered during the
day.

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Hungry,

Hungry Heroes

i-ya, hero!

An adventure about sharing
Cypher has spotted the

robber sneaking around your

neighborhood! Apparently

he's telling people that kids

can't do anything important for

us, that only grown-ups can make

John 6:1-13

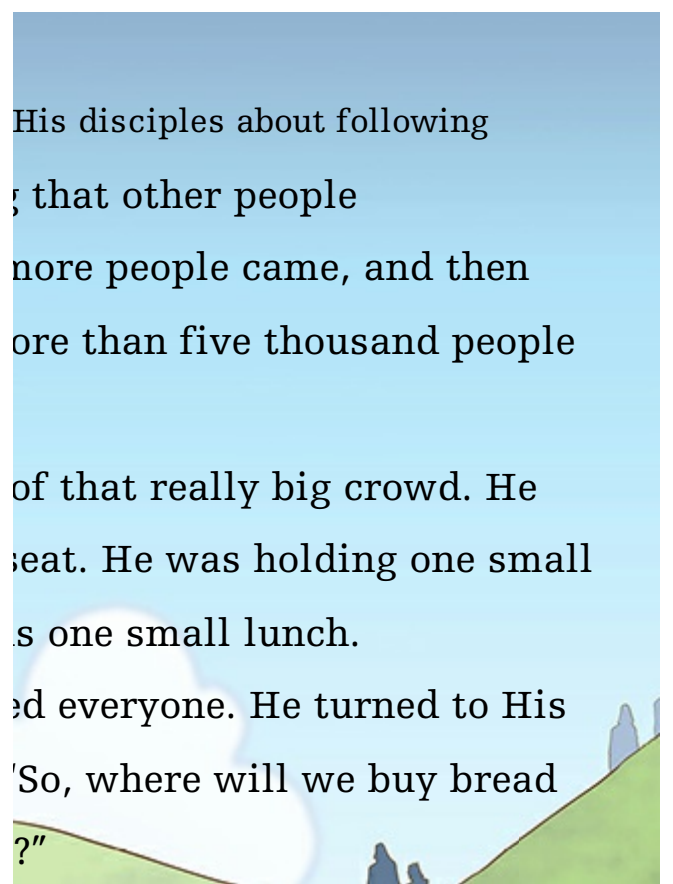




One day Jesus was teaching about God. It was so interesting that many people came to listen, and then more and more. Pretty soon many people were listening to Jesus.

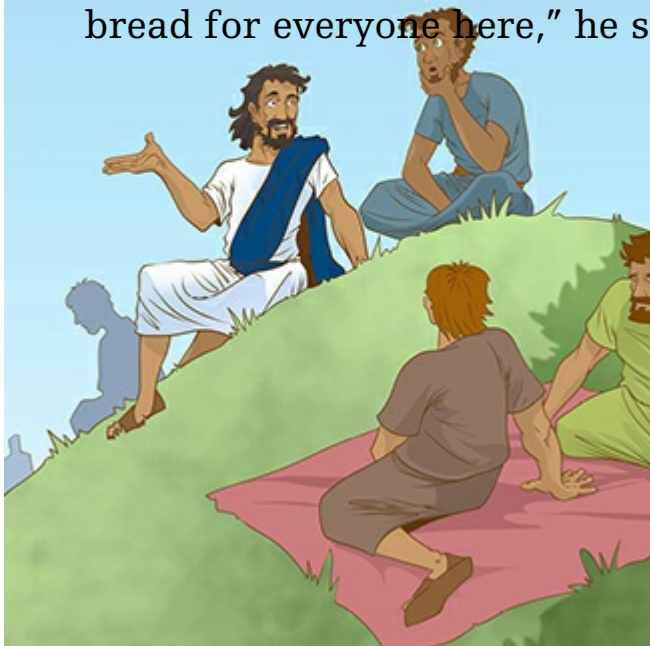
One small boy was part of the crowd. He was sitting in one small sack. In that small sack was a loaf of bread.

Suddenly, Jesus surprised his disciple Philip and said, "I have a plan for all these people to eat."



His disciples about following
; that other people
more people came, and then
ore than five thousand people
of that really big crowd. He
seat. He was holding one small
s one small lunch.
ed everyone. He turned to His
'So, where will we buy bread
?"

Philip almost had a heart attack when he realized he didn't have enough money to buy even a loaf of bread for everyone here," he said.



back! "We don't
even one bite of
aid.



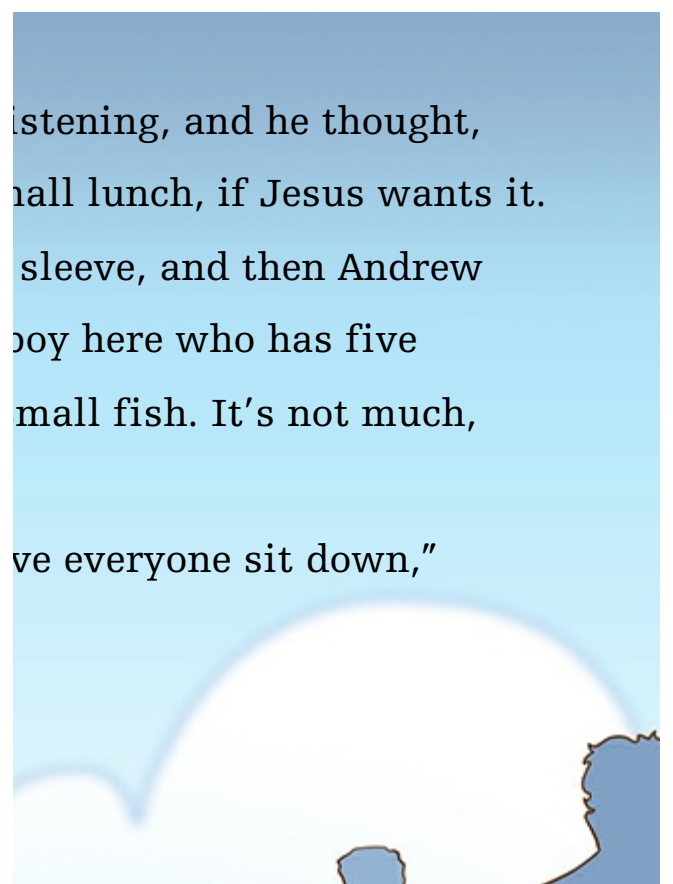
But the little boy was li
Well, I could share my sm

He tugged on Andrew's
said to Jesus, "There's a k
loaves of bread and two s
but . . ."

Jesus just grinned. "Ha
He said.

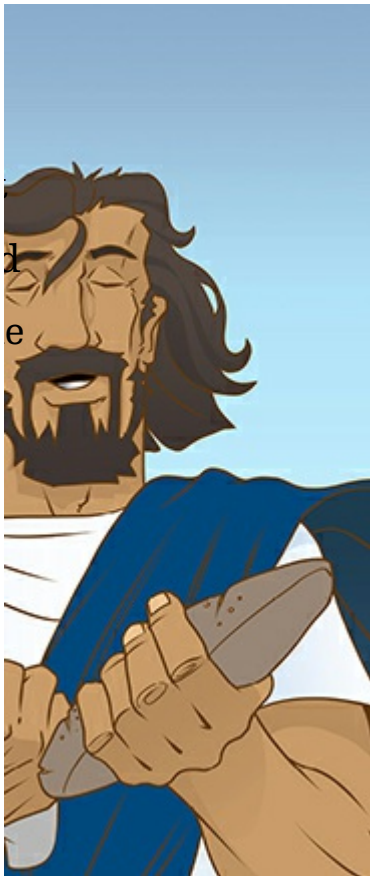


listening, and he thought,
small lunch, if Jesus wants it.
sleeve, and then Andrew
boy here who has five
small fish. It's not much,
ve everyone sit down,"



Jesus took the bread and fish.
He prayed, thanking God for that
small lunch and for one small kid
who was willing to share what he
had with others. And then . . .





He started passing out
Ten people ate their fill
thousand, then five thousand
ate bread and fish until
little boy's lunch never



t bread and fish.

ll. Then a hundred. Then a
usand, and more! Everyone
they were full—but that
ran out.



When it was all over, the disciples
leftovers. There were twelve baskets
and fish! Jesus had worked a miracle
because one small boy was willing to
share. How awesome is that?



ciples gathered up
baskets full of bread
fantastic miracle—a
ling to share.





Melody says,

So you see, that one s
who share can be real

If the Fibbler comes
hood and tries to tell y
that big ol' liar to get l

boy's generosity to wor
you share, H
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What can you share with others? Gola
in your room and see if you can find pa
three things to give away to people's
need. For instance, maybe you could
give away a toy, or a book, or an extra

Small boy is proof that kids
are heroes for Jesus!
As you go around your neighbor-
hood, tell them differently, you tell
them so! Jesus already used one
to do a big miracle—and when
you do important things too.

Challenge

Share your blanket. Show your choices to your
parents, and see if you can all brain-
storm ways you can share these items
this week.





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Lost Boy Found

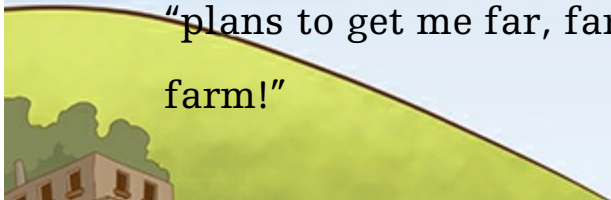
are about repentance

hero!
like 15:11–32
like knew it was
ong, but the Grand
uchess of Greed told
im to do it anyway. So
money from his aunt's
the corner store and

The prodigal son lived comfortably on his farm. He and his older brother had everything they needed—but that wasn't enough. The younger son was tired of working for his father and wanted to go to the city to play all day, every day.

"Give me my inheritance," he said to his father.

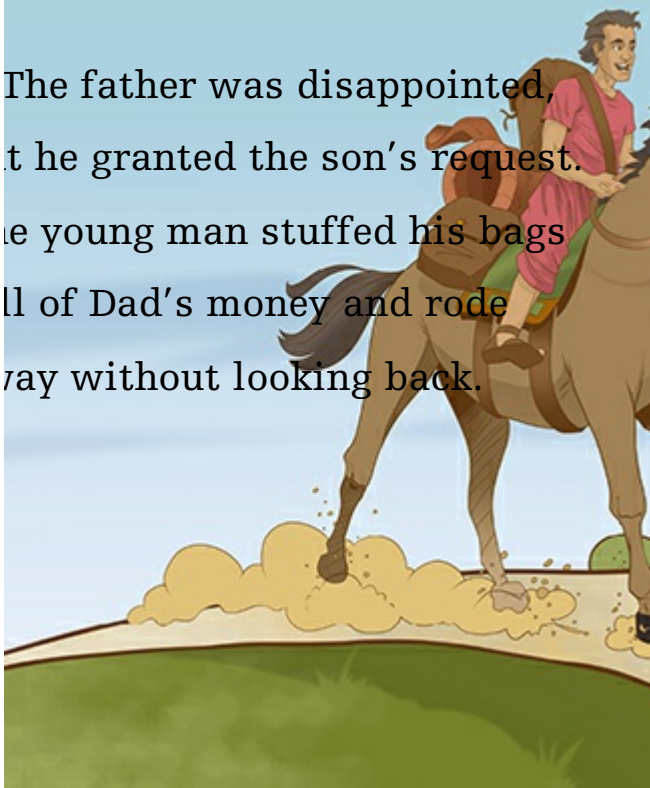
It was selfish and wrong, but his father gave him his share of the farm. The younger son then packed up his things and plans to get me far, far away from home to a distant farm!"

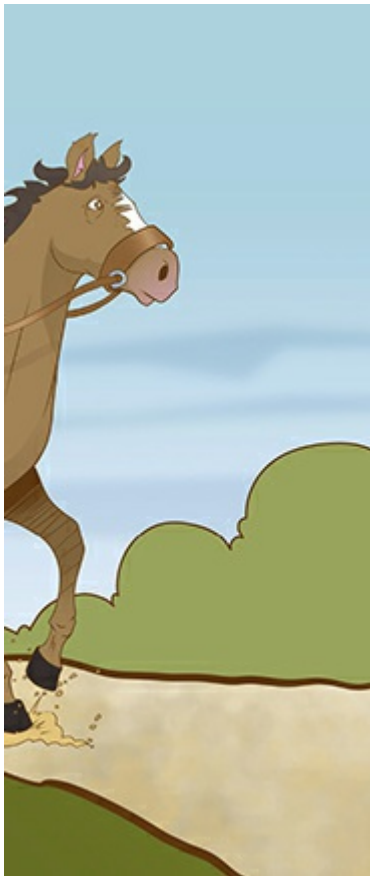


rtably on his father's
other had everything they
enough for the prodigal. He
his dad. He just wanted to
e now," he said to his father.
g to treat his father this
7. "I've got big plans," he said,
away from this boring old



The father was disappointed,
but he granted the son's request.
The young man stuffed his bags
with all of Dad's money and rode
away without looking back.







The prodigal boy went to
a faraway country. He made
it his goal to play-play-play
every day-day-day.

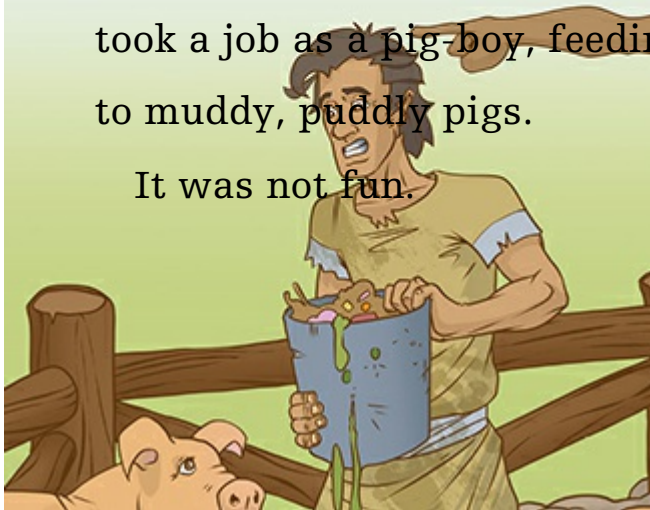
But one day . . .



His money ran out.

The party was over—the pro
He didn't even have enough c
to buy food to eat. To keep fr
took a job as a pig-boy, feedin
to muddy, puddly pigs.

It was not fun.



Prodigal was broke!

Cash in his pocket

From starving, he

Got stinky mush



After a while, the prodigal became
important.

"I don't have to keep making
himself. "I can turn away
worthy to be called a son,
me a hired hand. Even the
better than feeding stinky

He dropped his slimy p



al remembered something

aking this same mistake," he told

from doing wrong! I'm no longer

, but maybe my father will make 

e worst job on my dad's farm is

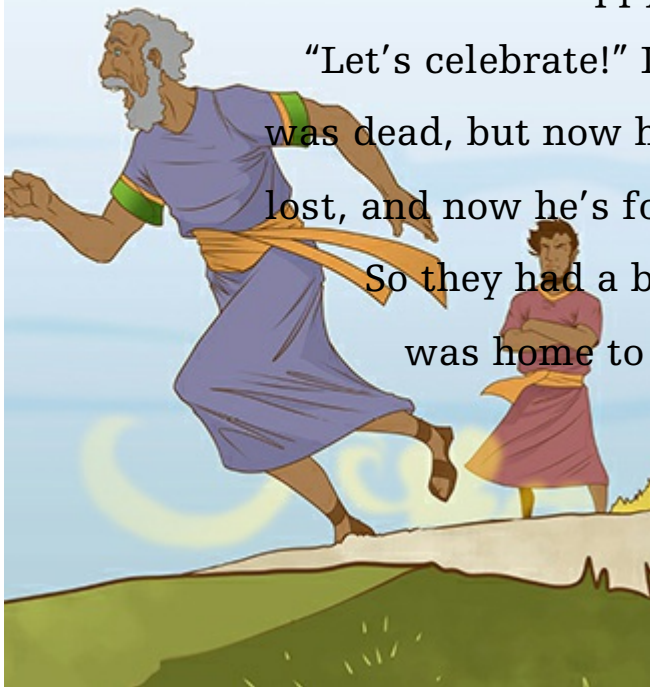
y slop to pigs."

ig pail and headed toward home.

The boy's father saw him
off. He was so happy

"Let's celebrate!" I said.
He was dead, but now he was
lost, and now he's found.

So they had a big party.
He was home to stay.



aw him coming a long way
y!

Dad said. "I felt like my son
he's alive again! He was
ound! Hurray!"

ig feast, and the prodigal
stay.





Bibleman says,

Hearing Jesus' parable is a good reminder for us to make good choices sometimes, but don't follow the prodigal's example who turn away from doing what's right instead.

That's what Mikey did. After he returned home, he opened to the parable of the prodigal son, he said,

Ask your parents if you can watch the Duchess of Greed. He asked his parents for a few Internet videos of pigs dating. When he was done, he paid her back by giving her a few more. While you're watching this, Mikey, talk to your parents about the prodigal son.

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e of the prodigal son is a
today. Everybody makes bad
it when that happens we can
xample. We can be real heroes
ing wrong and choose to do

: he learned about what hap-

challenge
e had to spend all day with pigs?
want to forgive him for stealing?

What chores around her house would
differently if he'd known he'd end up
as a pig-feeder?

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Taxman in a Tree

An adventure about

ey there, hero!

judging others

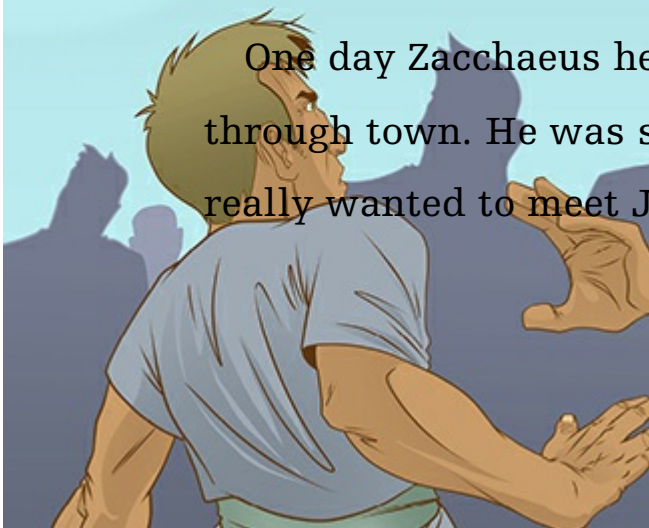
Yesterday we had a real crisis! The
mbassador of Ignorance showed up at
hool and started spreading a rumor that
ybody who wore green shoes wasn't
ol. Next thing we knew, nobody wanted
be friends with any kid wearing green





Zacchaeus was a tax collector. In those days, tax collectors thought they were mean and didn't want to be their friends.

One day Zacchaeus heard Jesus was coming through town. He was so happy that he really wanted to meet Jesus.



tor who lived in Jericho.

ctors were not cool. People

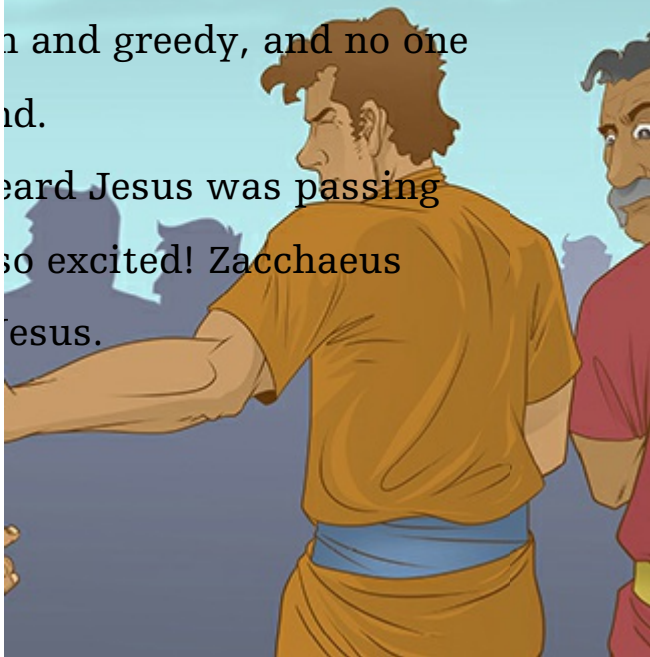
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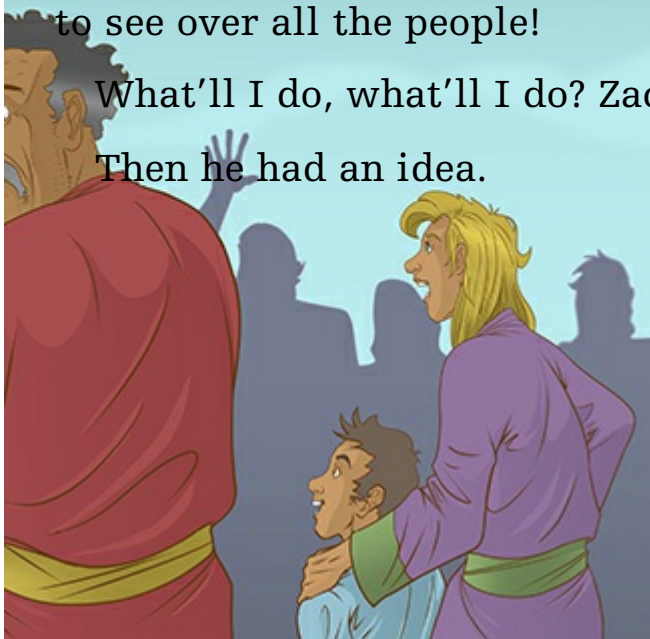
so excited! Zacchaeus

Jesus.



When he got to the road Jesus
crowd blocked his view. The tax
to see over all the people!

What'll I do, what'll I do? Zac
Then he had an idea.



s was walking on, a huge
x collector was too short
cchaeus wondered.







The crowd came rumbling to
the tree, closer, closer. And there were
many people walking alongside His disciples
and the people who surrounded Him.
Suddenly He stopped.



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"Zac



ward the sycamore
as Jesus! He was
, talking with the

stood right beneath
ee where Zacchaeus
itting. He looked
ght up. And He smiled.
cchaeus," Jesus said.

Zacchaeus was overjoyed
Some people in Jericho dis-
liked Jesus," they grumbled
at Jesus," they grumbled
a tax collector who steal



ed to have Jesus visit his house.
didn't like this idea at all. "Look
l. "Why is He being friends with
s our money? That's not cool."



Jesus just ignored them. He gave them a chance to be His friend and follow Him—and Zacchaeus. And after meeting Jesus, Zacchaeus promised never to be mean or greedy again. He said, “If I’ve cheated anyone, I’ll pay them back double the money. I’ll give half my possessions to the poor, and I’ll pay as much!”



“Today salvation

ave anyone a chance to
even someone uncool like
esus, the tax collector
ed anybody out of
reedy again. "Look, Lord!"
ay back four times
ssions to the poor! And





Cypher says,

It's interesting to see
to be friends with any
Zacchaeus. Learning a
that real heroes give a

After Melody told the
and Zacchaeus, the Amb
stand a chance. Nobody cared a
friends wore—they just had fun

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Can you follow Jesus' example and will
make a new friend this week? Ask is a
your mom or dad to help you try! Plan
playdate or after-school get-together

that Jesus was willing
to be friends with
everyone—even someone like
Ned. About that helps us remember
to give everyone a chance to be a friend.
At the school assembly about Jesus
the Ambassador of Ignorance didn't
ask anymore what color shoes their
friends were wearing.
Challenge
In hanging out together.
With two other kids—one person who
is already your friend, and one who
could be a new friend.

Have fun!

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Judas and “The Big Fail”

An adventure about disappointing

owdy, hero! Matthew 26:14–25, 46

The Whiner Brothers can
ally mess things up, can't John 13:18–30

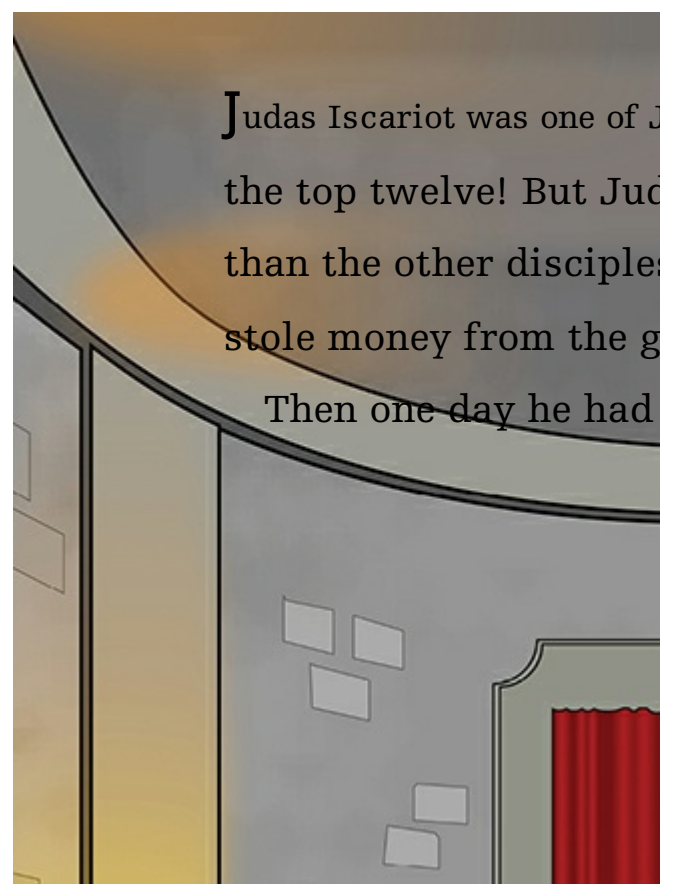
ey? Last year they complained so
uch about Alexa that they convinced



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pointment

6–56;

The background is a stylized illustration of an interior space. It features a curved ceiling with a gradient from light yellow to grey. Below the ceiling, there are several rectangular shapes, possibly representing windows or panels, in shades of grey and white. On the right side, there is a red curtain hanging from a dark frame. The overall style is simple and modern, with bold lines and a limited color palette.

Judas Iscariot was one of J
the top twelve! But Jud
than the other disciples
stole money from the g
Then one day he had

Jesus' disciples—one of
has figured he deserved more
s, and sometimes he even
roup.
a really bad idea.



Hmm, he thought, the chief priests
They want to arrest Him. Maybe
off that. So he went to Jesus' enemies
are you willing to give me if I hand

The bad guys weighed out thirty
for Judas, who started looking for
Jesus arrested.



riests don't like Jesus.
e I can make money
emies and said, "What
and Him over to you?"
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or a good time to get



A few nights later Jesus
secret place, in a garden o
of Jesus' disciples, Judas
thought Jesus might have
they had just shared.

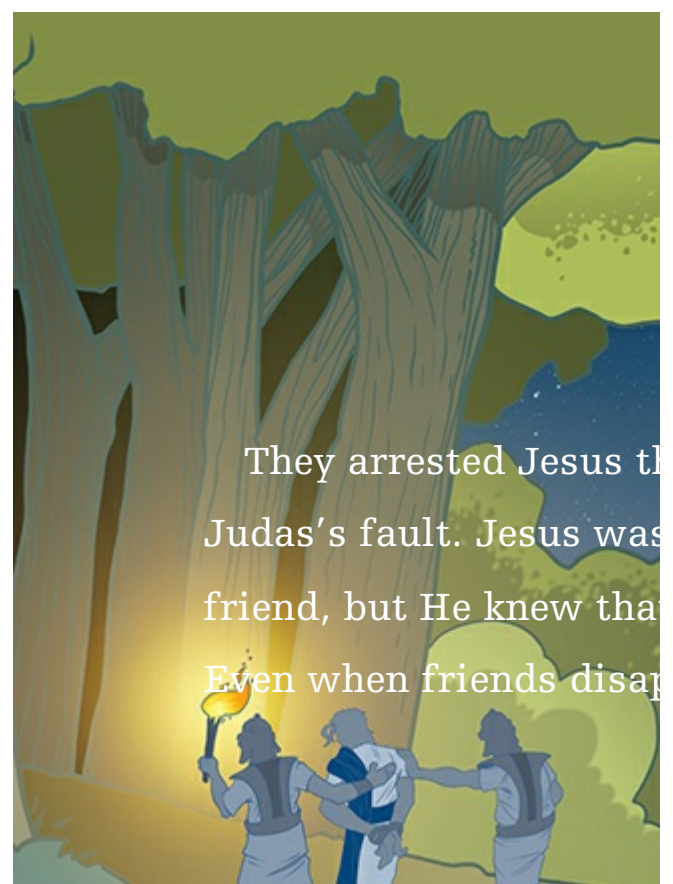


was praying quietly in a
called Gethsemane. Like all
knew that place well. He
gone there after the supper









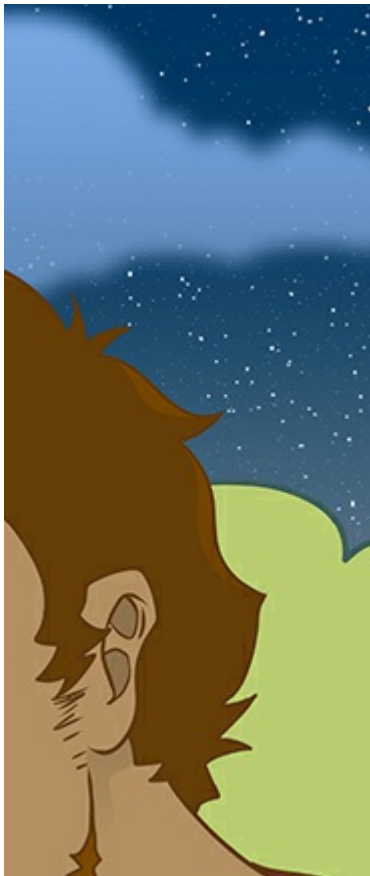
They arrested Jesus the
Judas's fault. Jesus was
friend, but He knew that
Even when friends disap



that night, and it was
s disappointed in His
t God was still faithful.
ppoint us, God never does.



The next morning
Judas was very sorry





Biblegirl says,

It's hard to believe, but
who was unkind to Him
ment! Jesus could have
but He didn't. Jesus knew

disappoint us, God never

As for Jody, well, the Word

battle. The girls aren't tired

This week, be a faithful friend who
appointed, Alexa isn't giving up
encourages instead of a friend who
she keeps praying for Jody.

disappoints! the

Grab a parent and have a brownie
making spree in your kitchen. While

it even Jesus had a friend
m. Such a big disappoint-
ve given up or gotten angry,
new that even when friends
er does. God is always faithful.

Chiner Brothers won that
challenge even though she's dis-
friends, Think of one thing you espe-
! She's made new friends, and
cially like about each friend. When
the brownies are ready, put them in
gift bags. During the week, give a gift
bag to each friend on your list, and

Hi-

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sour

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way

hers

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The Day Jesus Died

An adventure about true love
-ya, hero!

You know, the Baroness
Mark 15; John 19
it doesn't get it. That
our old villain told
Jennifer that making David
I bad about himself was the
y to make Jennifer feel good about
self. That's just not true! Jesus taught

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ove



The chief priests and religious leaders
After they arrested Him, they took Him to the
Roman governor where they
“This man must die,” they
“because He claims to be a king of the Jews.”
“Take Him away! Take Him away!
the Jews!” Pilate didn’t think He had
Him away! Crucify Him!
done anything wrong, but the crowd
shouted louder:



leaders hated Jesus.

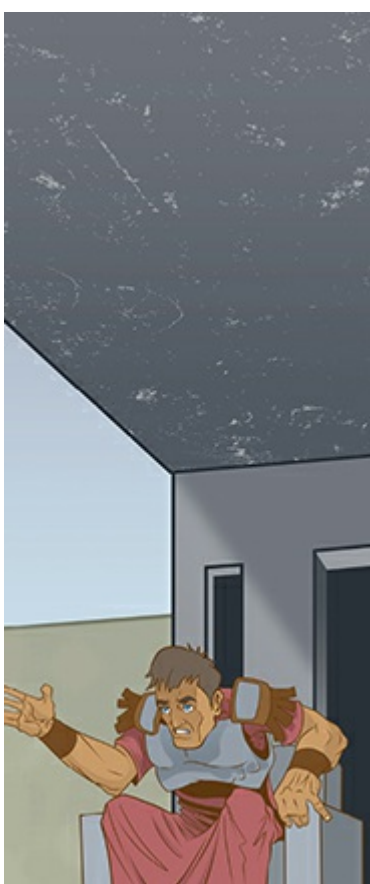
They took Him to Pilate, the
governor who lived.

Jesus shouted at the governor,
"King of the Jews!" The king of

the Jews. Jesus had
said, "The crowd just











Jesus died that day

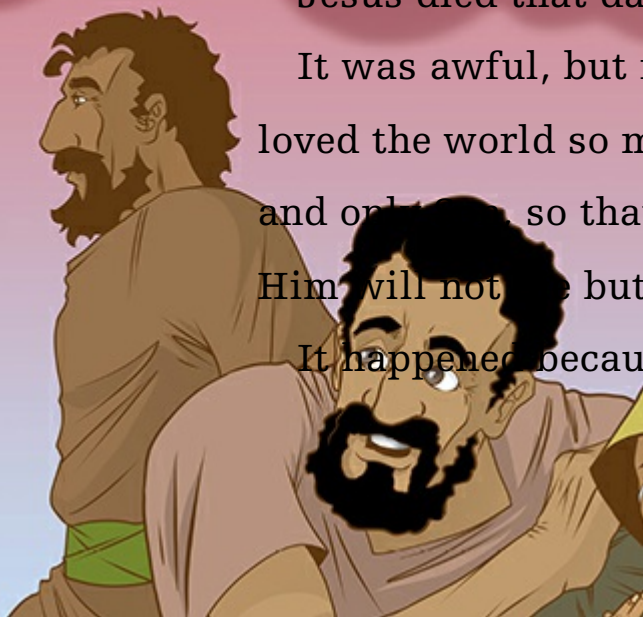
It was awful, but

loved the world so much

and only so that

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It happened because



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it happened because God
much that He gave His one
t everyone who believes in
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se Jesus loves you and me.





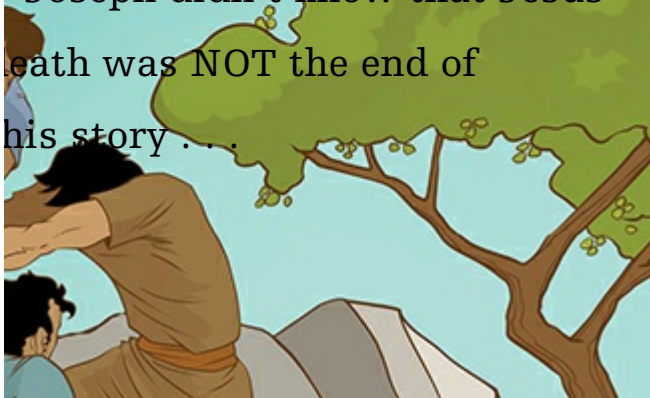


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A man named Joseph, from a place called Arimathea, watched Jesus die. He was very sad. He took Jesus' body down from the cross and carried it to a tomb nearby. He rolled a stone in front of the tomb and went away crying.

Joseph didn't know that Jesus' death was NOT the end of his story . . .



ce called Arimathea,
d. He gently took Jesus'
efully buried Him in a
ront of the





Melody says,

Jesus gave everything
could know God and h
love! And that's what'
Jesus, we understand t
like Jesus loved us.

When Jennifer told the

His great love for me, I couldn't understand why Jennifer
Jesus showed great love for us when He died on the cross. What are some
different ways you and I can show the love for others this week? Together
with your mom or dad, write each p

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—even His life—so that we
have eternal life. That's true
's really important. Because of
that real heroes love others

e Baroness about Jesus and

challenge ly just didn't get it. She

Every day this week, draw an idea
ter would choose to show love

out of the bowl and use it to practice
rudely. But David understood

showing love to your family members,

to your neighbors, to your friends, to

people at your church, to the cashier



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You Can't Keep a God-Man Down!

An adventure about doubt

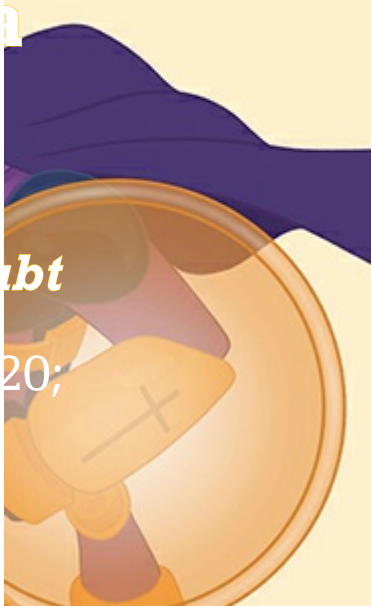
ello, hero!

Matthew 28:1–15; John 2
Last Easter

e Mayor of Maybe
I Corinthians 15:3–8

ent on a TV talk show

d pretended to be an



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When Jesus was buried, the women went to the tomb in front of His tomb to see what would happen on Friday night.

Sunday morning, one of the women, Mary Magdalene, came to the tomb. Wow—was she surprised!



he men rolled a large stone
close it up. That was on a

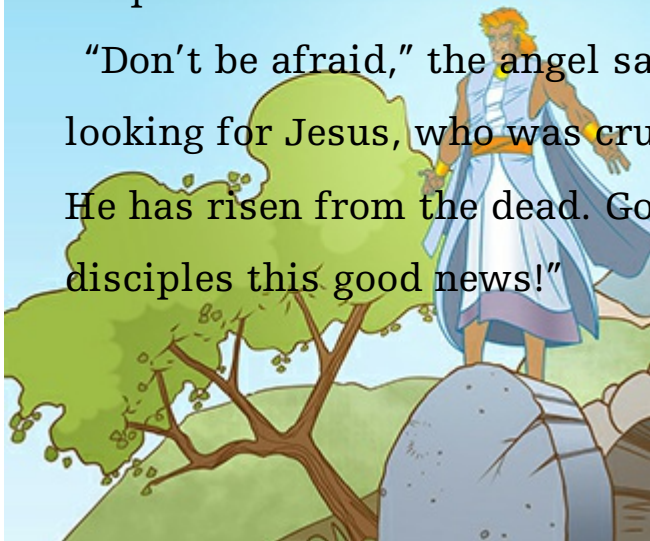
of Jesus' friends, Mary
e tomb.

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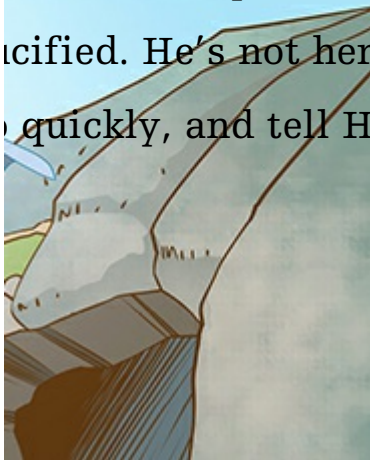
When Mary got there, she found the stone rolled away. The tomb was empty. An angel was staring at her from the tomb. Gulp!

"Don't be afraid," the angel said. "I am looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He has risen from the dead. Go and tell my disciples this good news!"



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pty, and a fierce-looking
on top of the big stone!

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cified. He's not here!
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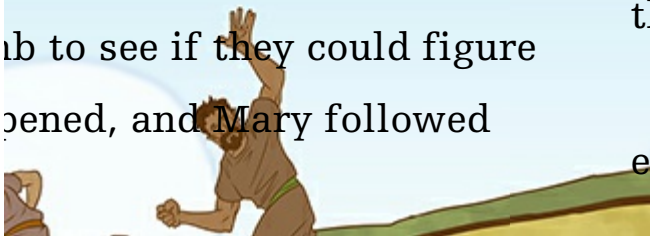
Mary Magdalene rushed
but what would she say?
life? She didn't know. When
she said, "They've taken

Those disciples didn't know
seen Jesus die on the cross.
was His body now? What

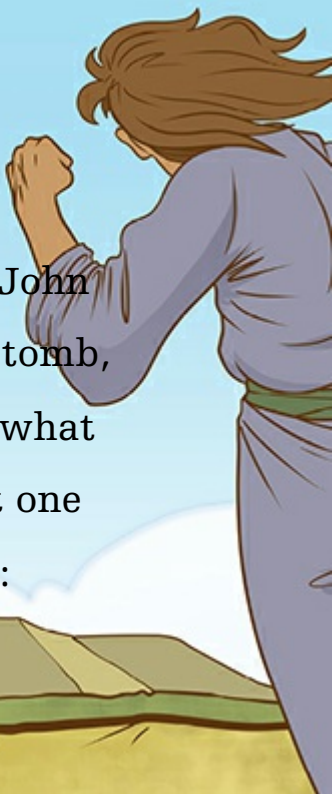
Peter and John had to catch up.
They raced to Jesus' tomb
out what had really happened
behind them.



d off to tell Jesus' disciples—
Did Jesus really come back to
when she reached the disciples,
the Lord out of the tomb!"
know what to think! They'd
oss and be buried . . . so where
t was going on?
heck it out for themselves.
b to see if they could figure
pened, and Mary followed



When Peter and John
looked inside the tomb,
they didn't know what
was going on, but one
thing was certain:
Jesus' tomb was
empty.

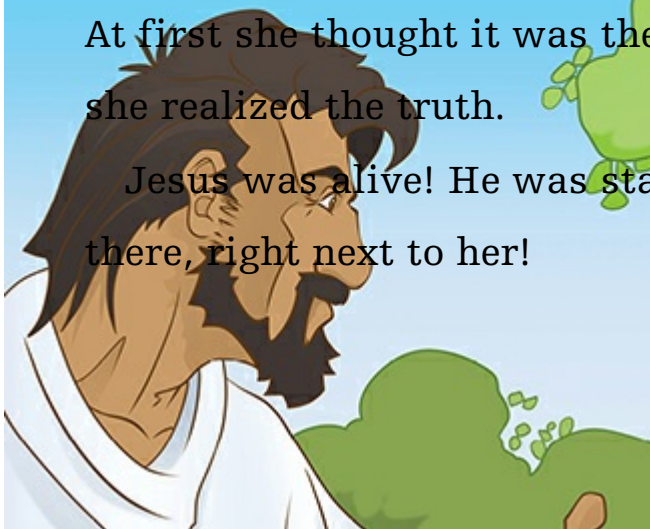




After Peter and John left, Mary was going on? Maybe a garden she thought, and she started to

“Why are you crying?” a voice. At first she thought it was the she realized the truth.

Jesus was alive! He was standing there, right next to her!



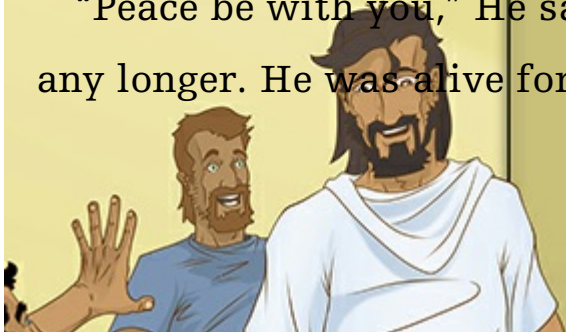
Mary stayed behind. What
her moved His body?
to cry.
ce said. She looked up.
e gardener, and then
standing



But Mary wasn't the only one
that night, the disciples were gathered
behind the doors because they were afraid
for being Jesus' friends. All of a sudden

Jesus was there in the house with them
with their own eyes!

"Peace be with you," He said to them
no longer. He was alive forever



who saw Jesus. Late that
ed in a house. They'd locked
aid they might be arrested
sudden . . .

with them! They saw Him

o them. Jesus wasn't dead
more!





Bibleman says,

Over those next few weeks, we'll hear from a lot of people. Peter said he did too. One time, over 500 people saw Him at the same time. It was the greatest miracle ever: Jesus was roaring back to life! And now Jesus is still alive, helping us all.

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When the Mayor maybe heard
Go outside and find a few small smooth stones—
Jesus alive again, he started sweating
stones—one for each person in your family.
"Oh," the Mayor said. "Didn't know your family. Let each stone represent them."
We didn't hear from the Mayor again.
large one that once covered Jesus' tomb.

weeks, Jesus actually appeared to
saw Him, and all of the disciples
of five hundred of Jesus' follow-
one time! They all witnessed the
Jesus had died and then come
al heroes today know that Jesus

challenge

to all the witnesses who saw
Jesus is alive!" Then carry your stones whe
ating under the TV studio lights.
n a pocket or purse all week long.
ow that. Ahem. Umm. Gotta go."
Every time you see your stone,
'of Maybe for a long time after that!
ouch it, or just feel it in your pocket,

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Look, Up in the Sky!

An adventure about trust
-ya, hero!

Acts 1:1–11; 2:1–40

Last year we were volunteering in children's church

when all the kids decided to collect

five hundred toys to give away

to families who didn't have much

money. So cool! Then the evil villain

showed up. He said, "The toys





After Jesus returned to life, encouraging His disciples the kingdom of God.

When it was almost time heaven, Jesus said, "Wait a few days, My Holy Spirit

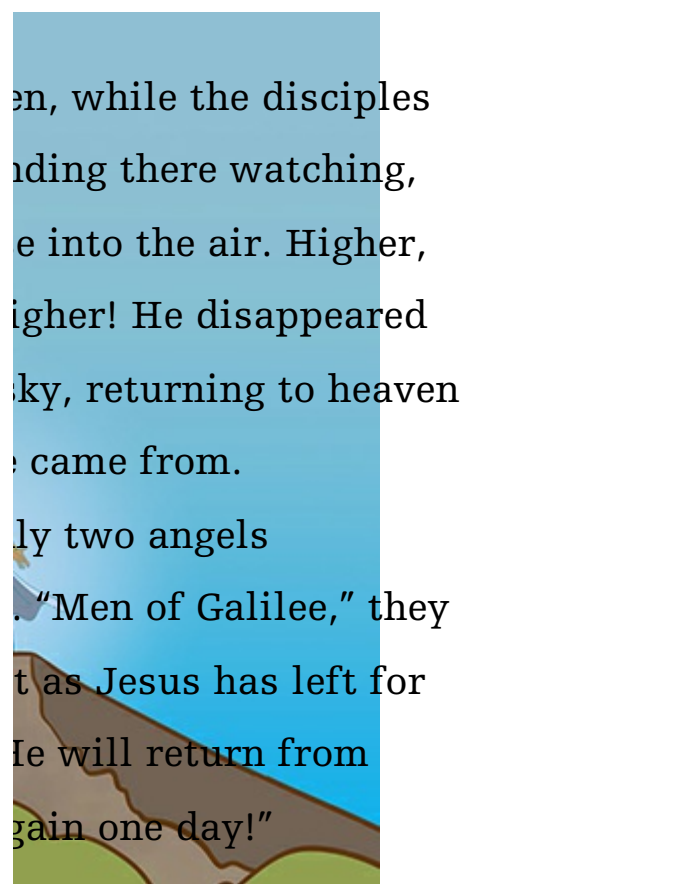


He spent forty days
s and teaching them about
e for Him to return to
in the city of Jerusalem. In a
will come to be with you."



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where He
Sudden
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said, "jus
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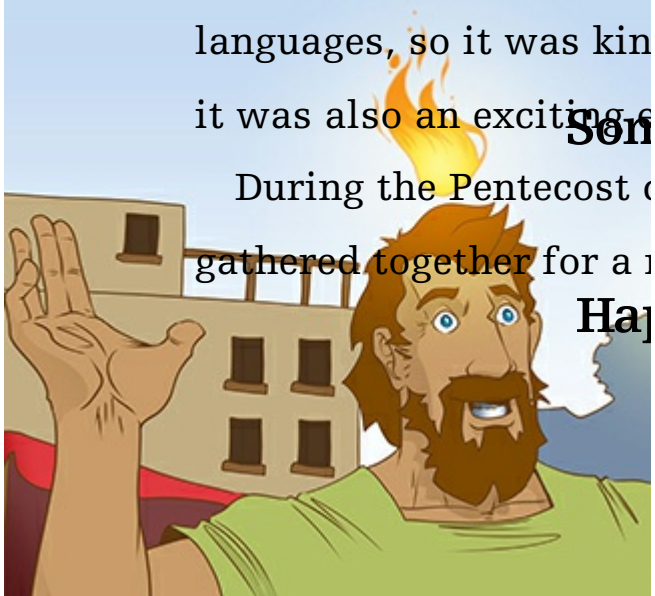


en, while the disciples
standing there watching,
e into the air. Higher,
igher! He disappeared
sky, returning to heaven
e came from.

ly two angels
."Men of Galilee," they
t as Jesus has left for
He will return from
gain one day!"

A few days later, it was Pentecost. People from all over Jerusalem for this holiday spoke many different languages, so it was kind of noisy. But it was also an exciting day.

During the Pentecost celebration, people gathered together for a festival.



as time for a big festival called
all over the world came to
lay. They spoke many different
d of busy and confusing—but
went for everyone.
Nothing.

celebration, Jesus' disciples
Big.
meeting and . . .
ppened.



They heard a sound like a giant, :
they saw what seemed like flames
disciple's head.

Jesus had kept His promise—the
ad come to help them!

The Holy Spirit filled each man v
trench, and they all began speaki
anguages. In the crowd of holiday
people were amazed. Each person h
disciples speaking in his or her own



rushing wind.

rest on each

Holy Spirit

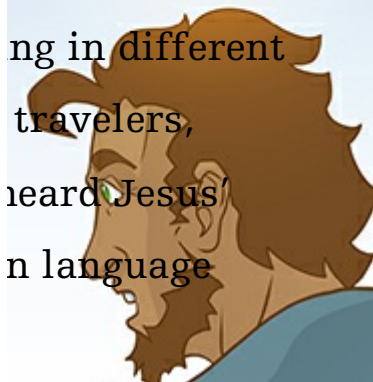
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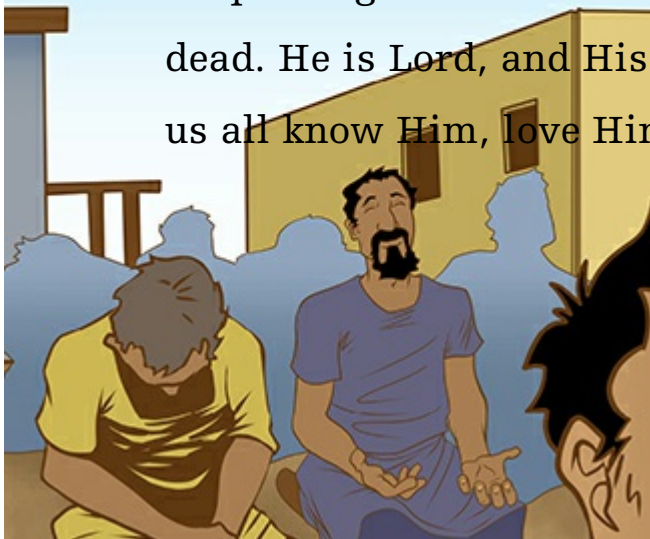
travelers,

heard Jesus'

n language



At last, Peter got up to say,
“People,” he said, “let me tell you.
He promised, Jesus has given us
His Holy Spirit, His Helper to guide us! Jesus
is alive. He is Lord, and His name is Jesus.
We all know Him, love Him, and follow Him.”



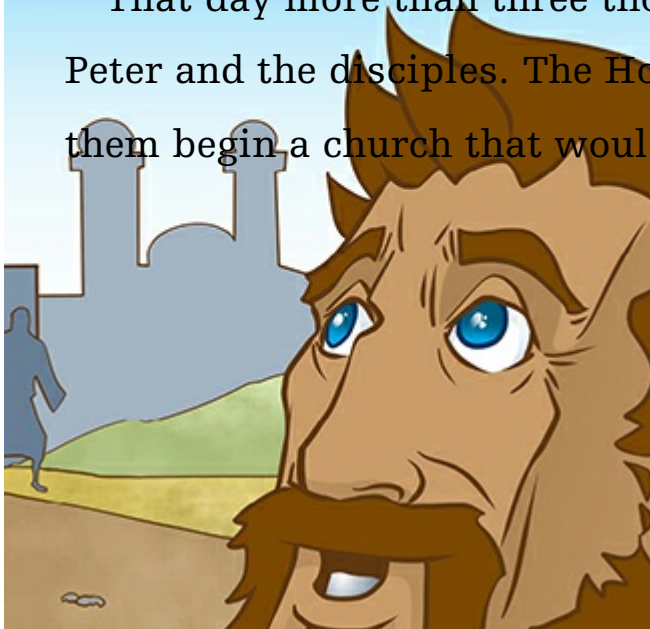
...speak.

...we explain this to you. Just as
...given us His Holy Spirit today, a
...died and was raised from the
...Holy Spirit has come to help
...n, and follow Him."



The people were overjoyed to
too, wanted to follow Jesus!

That day more than three thousand
Peter and the disciples. The Holy Spirit
them begin a church that would

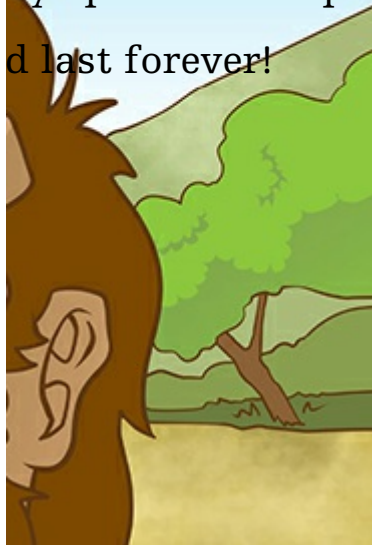


to hear this news. They,

thousand people joined

oly Spirit had helped

and last forever!





Melody and

Reading about

sent His Holy S

never have to

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hundred toys to give

all day. But the rest of us

got to work! We called start

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some more, then visited our neigh
With the Holy Spirit's help, do you co

toys from our own homes and don't
think your family could help another

helping us the whole time. In the e
family in need? This week, pray abou

collected and gave away . . . 594 toy
that! Ask God to show you new ways

and Cypher say,

On the day of Pentecost, when Jesus
sent the Holy Spirit, helps us remember that we
don't do anything on our own. Real heroes
trust in Jesus' Holy Spirit for help!

I didn't believe we could collect five
dollars away, so he played video games
and we prayed to God for help—then we

Challenge
We and asked for donations. We prayed
for our neighbors and friends. We selected the best
that we could make fake leaves for a neighbor or
distributed them too. We felt the Holy Spirit
help us make cookies for people at a homeless
shelter. And those kids from children's church
helped us. At the end of the week, share
what you got after praying—then

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Paul,

Prisoner of Rome

owdy, hero!

Well, Luxor Spawndroth came back
An adventure about perseve
town last month. That villain is so

ng. All he wants to do is keep kids—28:3

m serving Jesus. He tries to make

o hard for them! I remember one

ie when Brianna wanted to sing a

rship song for a local talent show

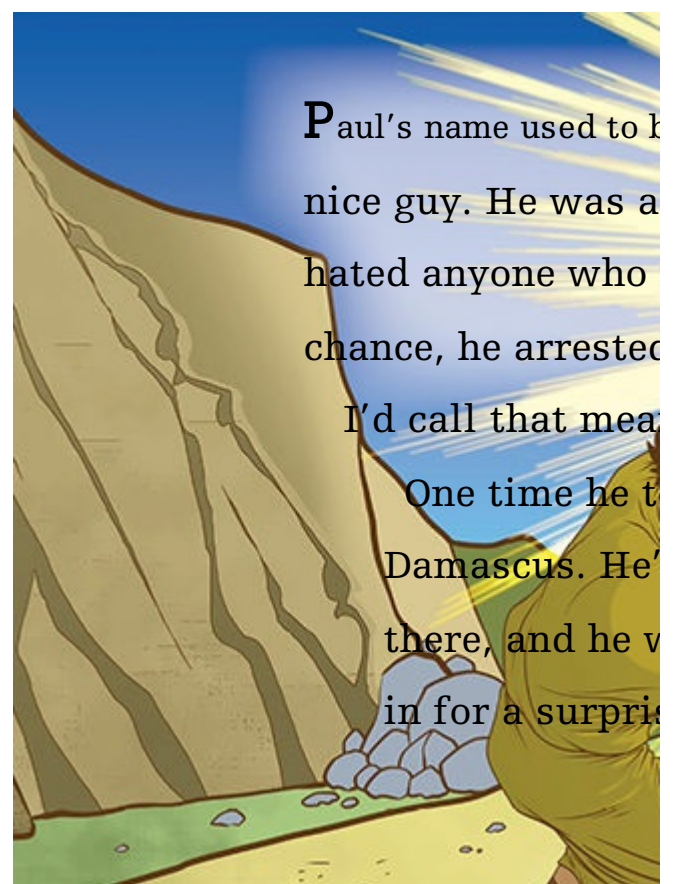




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A cartoon illustration of a rocky landscape. On the left, a large, tan-colored rock formation with dark brown outlines rises steeply. In the foreground, there's a patch of green grass and a pile of light blue rocks. To the right, a portion of a brown, textured rock is visible. The sky is a vibrant blue, filled with several bright yellow and white streaks radiating from the upper right corner, suggesting a bright sun or a divine light. The overall style is simple and colorful, typical of children's book illustrations.

Paul's name used to be
a nice guy. He was a
hated anyone who
chance, he arrested

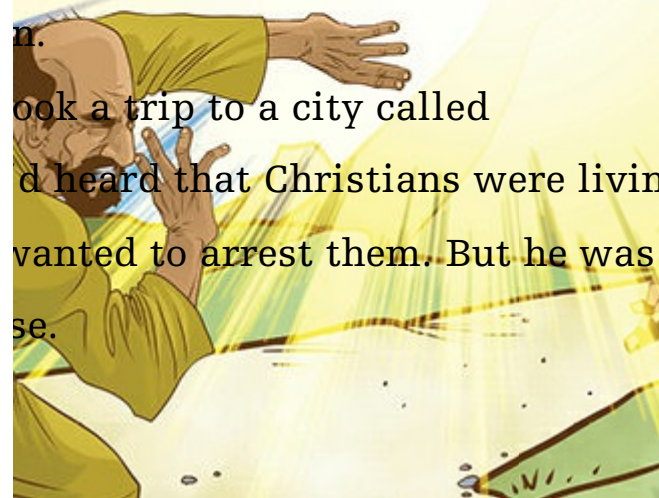
I'd call that mean

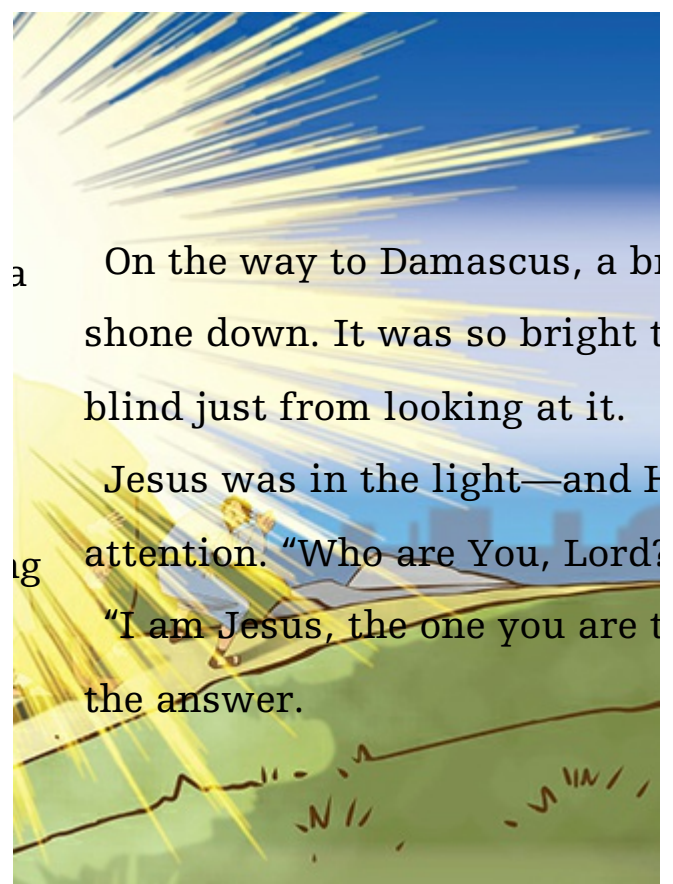
One time he traveled to
Damascus. He was
there, and he was
in for a surprise

the Saul. And Saul was not a

lot like Luxor Spawndroth. He
followed Jesus! Whenever he got a
d Christians and sent them to jail.
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ook a trip to a city called
d heard that Christians were living
wanted to arrest them. But he was
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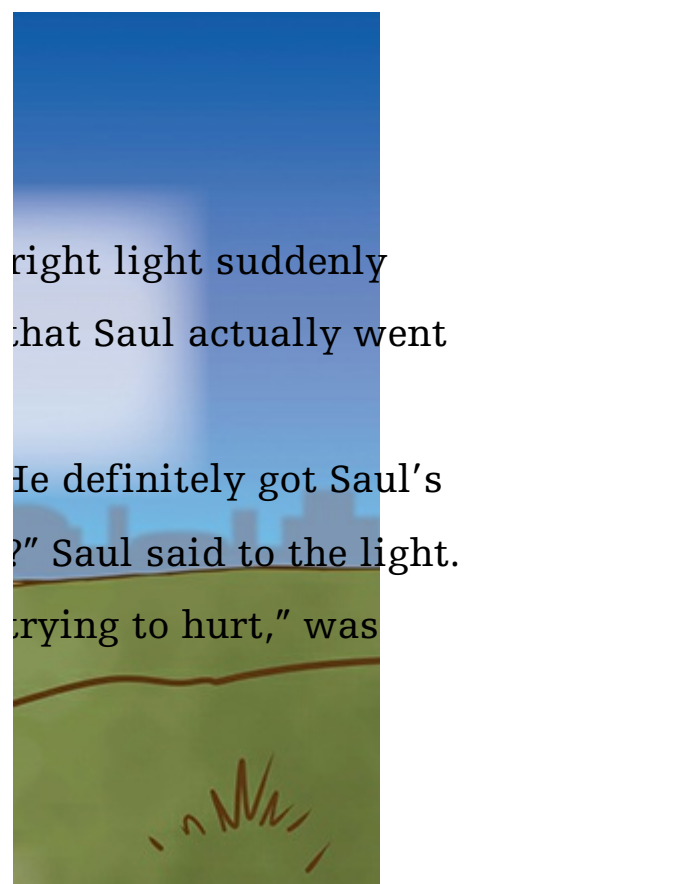




On the way to Damascus, a bright light
shone down. It was so bright that Paul
became blind just from looking at it.

Jesus was in the light—and He called Paul's
attention. "Who are You, Lord?"

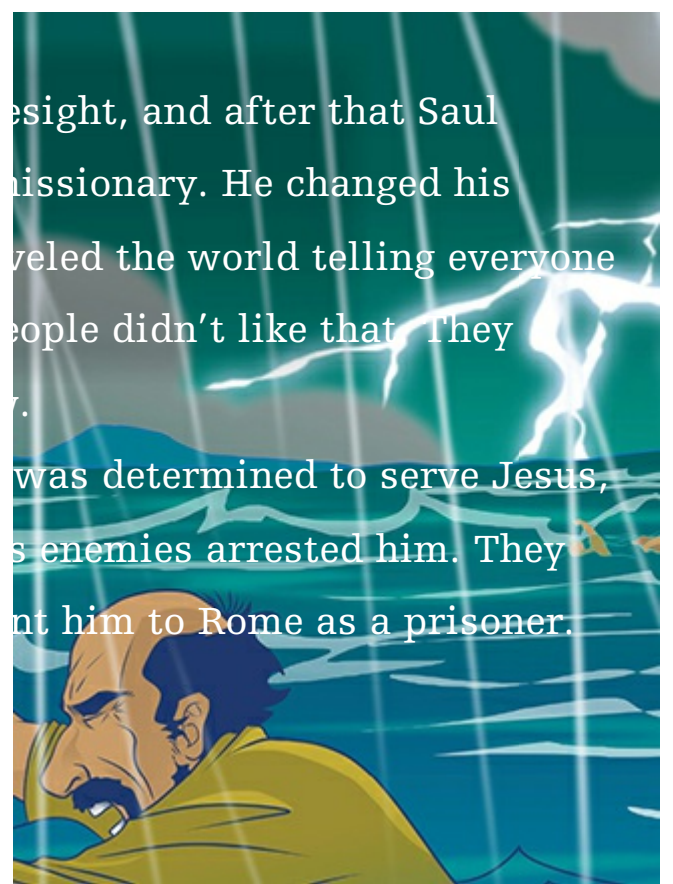
"I am Jesus, the one you are looking for."
That was the answer.



right light suddenly
that Saul actually went
He definitely got Saul's
?" Saul said to the light.
trying to hurt," was

God restored Saul's eyes
became a preacher and m
name to Paul, and he trav
about Jesus. But some pe
wanted him to stop. Now
Paul ignored them. He
no matter what. So Paul's
put him on a boat and se



A dramatic illustration of a stormy sea. In the foreground, a man with a mustache and a yellow robe is shown from the chest up, looking down with a somber expression. The background features a dark, turbulent sea with white-capped waves. In the distance, a dark, jagged landmass is visible under a dark sky. A bright, jagged lightning bolt strikes the landmass, creating a powerful focal point. The overall color palette is dominated by deep blues, greens, and yellows, contributing to a somber and intense atmosphere.

esight, and after that Saul
missionary. He changed his
veled the world telling everyone
people didn't like that. They
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was determined to serve Jesus,
s enemies arrested him. They
nt him to Rome as a prisoner.

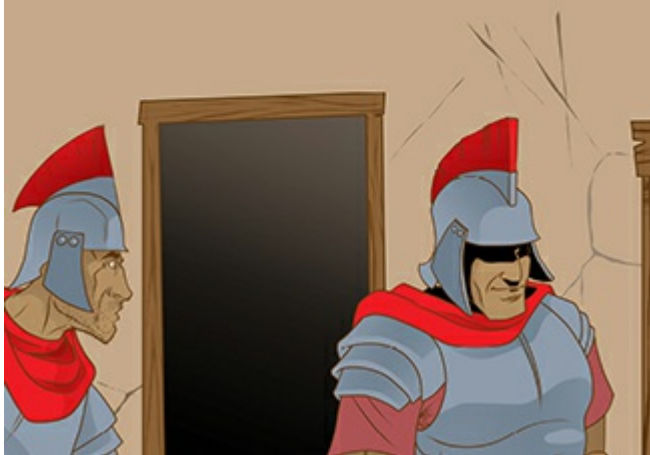


Partway to Rome, it started rain

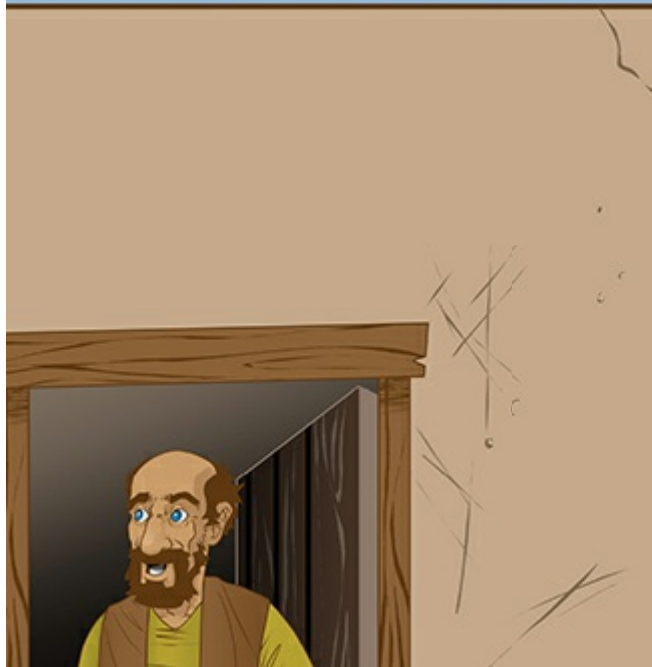


ining. Then it started

Paul was finally taken
there for two years. So



to Rome. He was a prisoner
you know what Paul did?



He told his Roman guards about Jesus to anyone who could hear. He wrote letters about Jesus and sent them all over the land.

Even though he was a prisoner, Paul spoke boldly! For the rest of his life, Paul was a prisoner, but he never stopped speaking about Jesus.

about Jesus. He preached
came to see him. He wrote
them to churches all over

oner, he still served Jesus
e, no matter how hard it
quit serving Jesus.





Biblegirl says,

We can learn a great lot
of Paul. He taught us that
heroes never quit serving

After I told Brianna and
she didn't have to quit

Luxor Spawndroth was a

talent show. The next day Brianna

public park next to the theater. To
Make signs to remind you of Paul's
anybody who wanted to listen. It
life and how he kept serving God even
a crowd! Luxor was defeated again
in the toughest times. Gather a few

white paper plates, a black marker, Qu
and a red marker. In black marker

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Lesson from the life and example
that even in hard times, real
living Jesus!

about Paul, she realized that
serving Jesus just because
mean judge at a community

and her mom took a guitar to the
challenge they sang worship songs there for
draw a circle around the word, and
was fun—and they attracted quite
a fat red line through the word
QUIT. You've now got your own Don't
Quit sign!

Hang your signs on doors all over

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The Best Is Yet to Come

hey there, hero!

An adventure about heaven

The Empress of Unhappiness is never

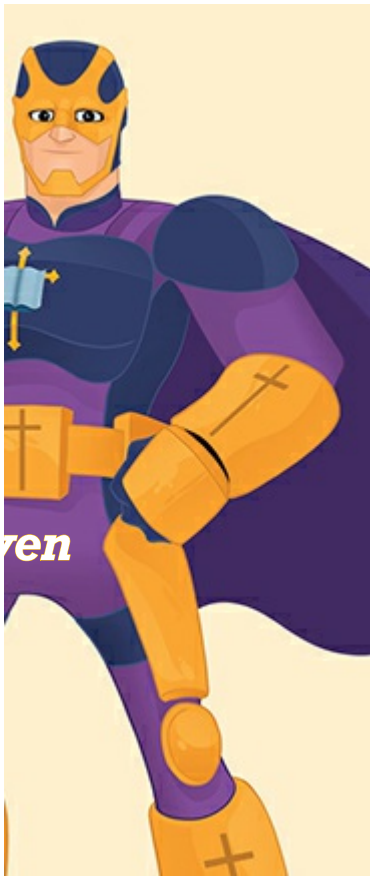
isfied unless everyone else is sad. This

rning she set up a karaoke machine

owntown—but instead of singing, she

t kept saying, “Aren’t you tired of so

ny bad things in the world? Turned o

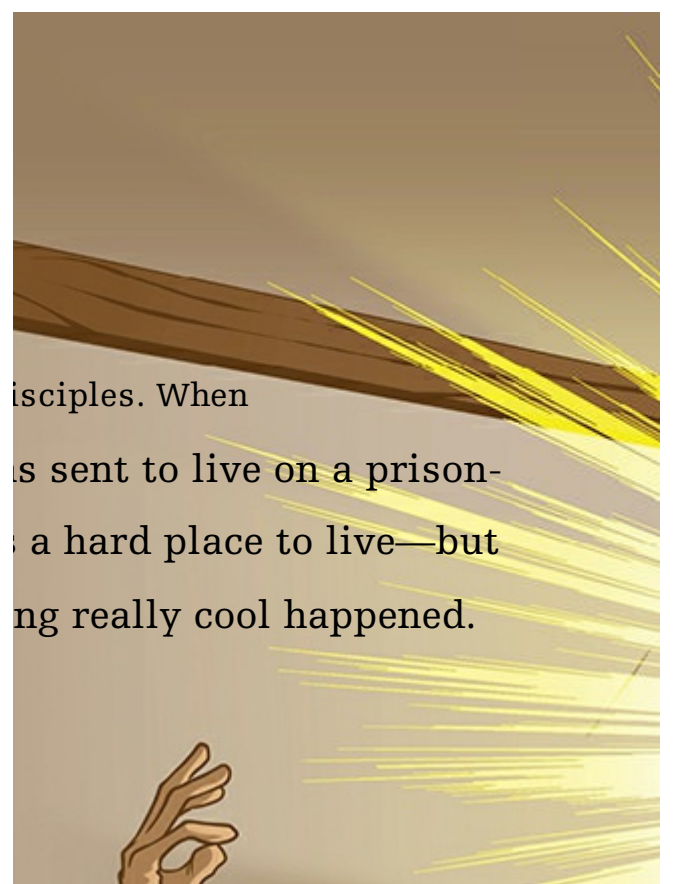


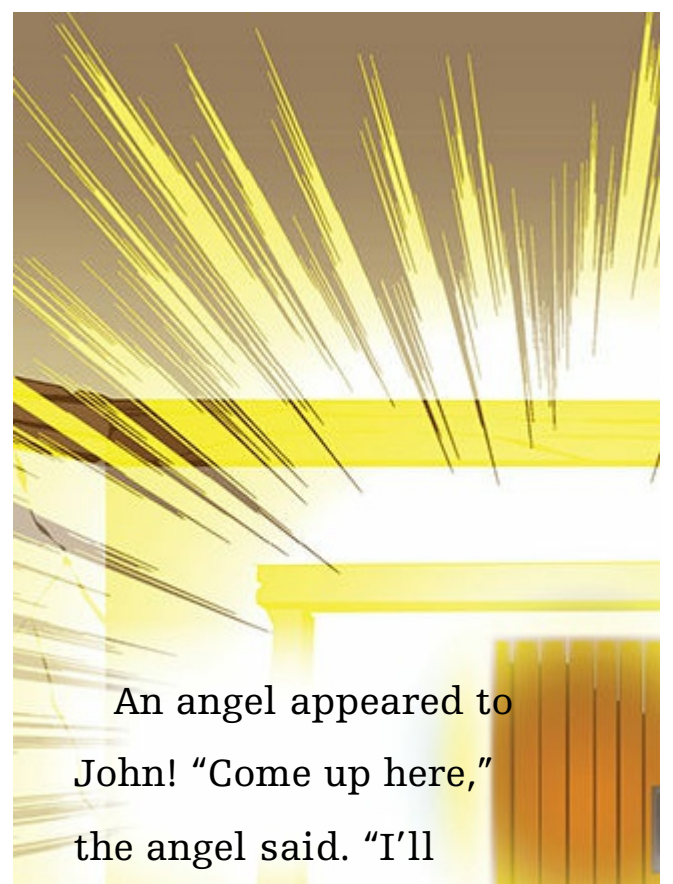
John was one of Jesus' trusted disciples. As an old man, he was exiled to an island called Patmos. It was while he was there, something





disciples. When
as sent to live on a prison-
a hard place to live—but
ng really cool happened.





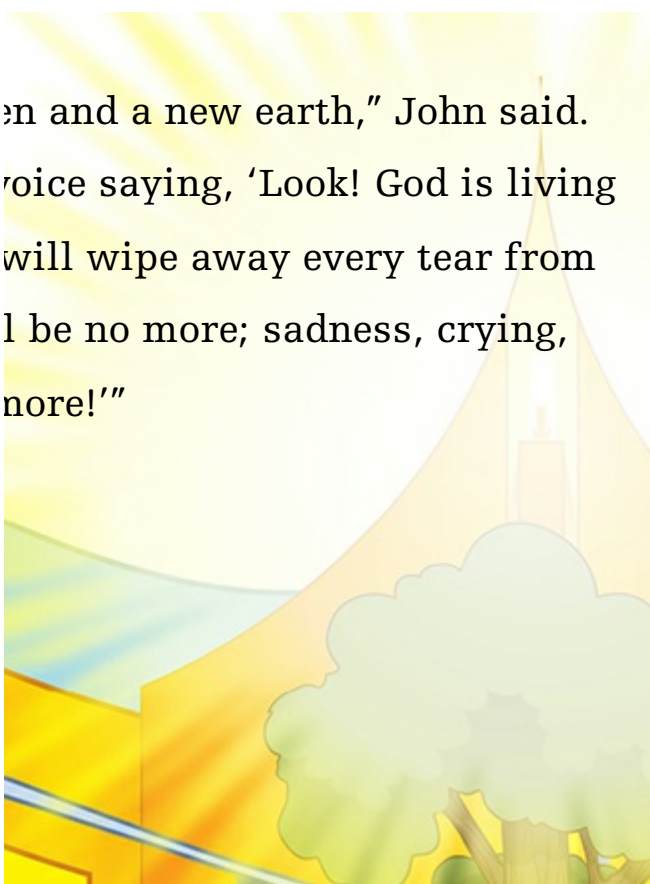
An angel appeared to
John! "Come up here,"
the angel said. "I'll



"I saw a new heaven
"And I heard a loud voice
with His people. He
their eyes. Death will
and pain will be no more



en and a new earth," John said.
voice saying, 'Look! God is living
will wipe away every tear from
l be no more; sadness, crying,
nore!'"



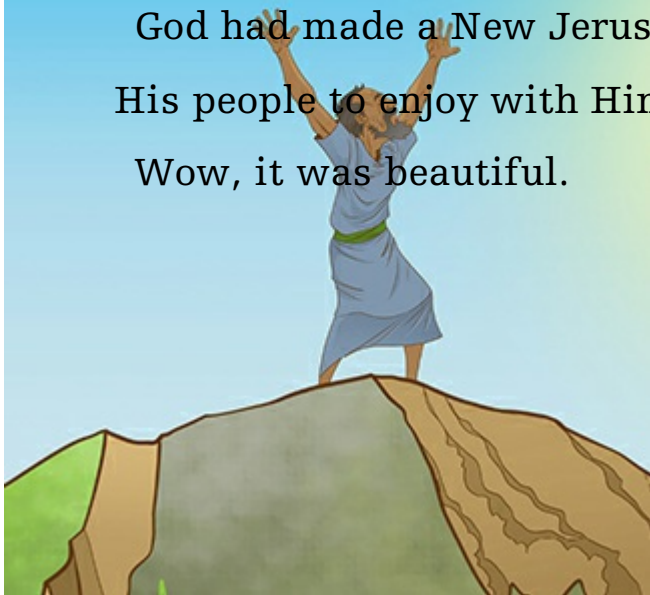
“Write this down,” God said
to John, “because this promise
is faithful and true: Look! I am
making everything new.”





Then an angel carried John
From there he saw a brand-new
city coming down
from the sky.

God had made a New Jerusalem
His people to enjoy with Him
Forever and ever
Wow, it was beautiful.



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n forever.



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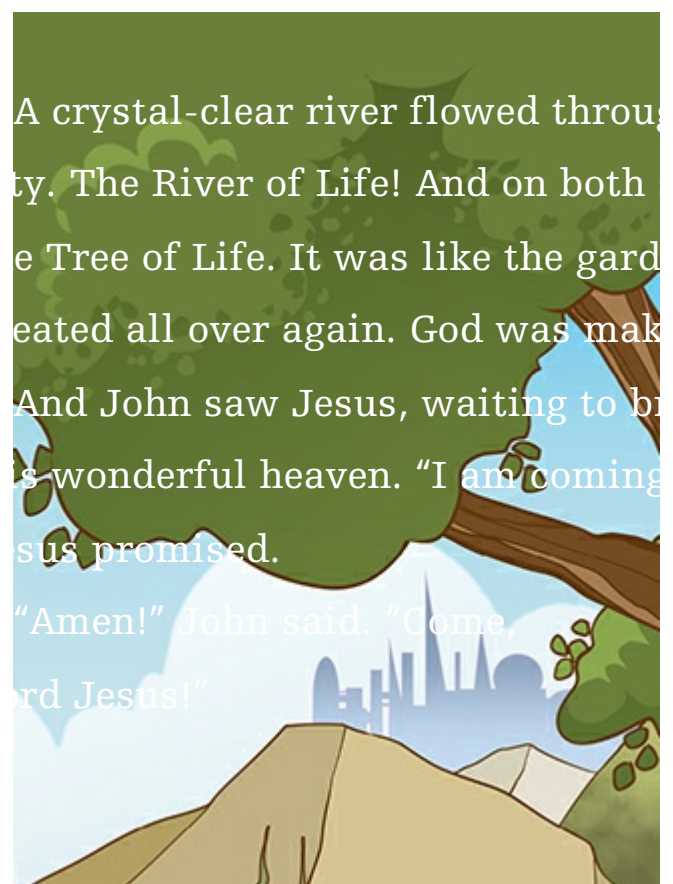
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A crystal-clear river flowed through
ty. The River of Life! And on both
e Tree of Life. It was like the garden
eated all over again. God was making
And John saw Jesus, waiting to bring
s wonderful heaven. "I am coming
sus promised.

"Amen!" John said. "Come,
ord Jesus!"



gh the middle of the
sides of the river w
en of Eden had been
ting everything new
ring us into
g soon,"



Bibleman says,

When we feel worried
things that are happen-
John can encourage u
heroes know Jesus is
for us—and that Jesus
great heaven with us.

So when I was downtown and
what I knew about heaven, she
she said, "Heaven isn't a sad thing.
Go on a Heavenly Photo Scavenger
Hunt." Over the next week, look for
things that remind you of heaven and
take pictures of them. You might take

Bibleman's Challenge

about all the sad and bad
ning in our world, the apostle
s. He reminds us that real
preparing a wonderful heaven
is coming soon to share His

I told the Empress of Unhappiness
frowned at me. "Wait a minute,"
challenge ng. It actually sounds great." She
of Heaven. (Be sure to include yourself
ake machine. "Guess I'll have to
n some of your pictures!")
ne unhappy."
unprint your favorite images, and
eered as she left!
keep them all in a photo album so

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Remember:

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand firm.
Read: Ephesians 6:11

Do you know that God gives you armor? You can find it in Ephesians 6:11-17. The Sword of the Spirit is one of the pieces of armor. It is the Word of God, the Bible! So the more you read and understand the Word of God, the more you will be able to use it to fight against temptation and sin.

Link: Remember, the more you know God and His Word, the more you will be able to use it to fight against temptation and sin. God knows you will have many battles to fight. Which Bible story adventure is your favorite? Always rely on His Word—His armor—

stand against the schemes of the

you can read about it in Ephesians

the pieces of armor. It's a way of

that means the Bible is armor you

The more you read its words and

the stronger you become.

fight in life as you learn to follow
rise? What can you learn from it?

to give you strength and protect you.

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